Annual Report

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March, 1986

TO THE HONOURABLE GERARD J. AMERONGEN,
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta

SIR:

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan for the year ended March 31, 1985.

Respectfully submitted,
D.J. RUSSELL
Minister of Hospitals
and Medical Care

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TO THE HONOURABLE D.J. RUSSELL,
Minister of Hospitals and Medical Care,
Legislative Building,
Edmonton, Alberta.

SIR:

I am pleased to present this 16th Annual Report which provides details of Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan activities and Health Care Insurance Fund operations for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1984 and ending March 31, 1985.

Respectfully submitted,
ALEX McPHERSON, M.D., Ph.D.
Deputy Minister of
Hospitals and Medical Care

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HIGHLIGHTS

For the 12 month period
April 1, 1984 to March 31, 1985

REGISTRATION

During the year, the number of persons covered decreased 1.81% to 2,399,690 and the number of registrations decreased 2.73% to 1,076,937.

The number of registrants receiving coverage at reduced premium rates increased.

	Registrations March 31, 1985	Registrations March 31, 1984
Complete Subsidy — (based on taxable income)	104,785	79,647
Partial Subsidy — (based on taxable income)	9,431	7,970
Total Subsidized Registrants	114,216	87,617

The number of registrants in the 65 years of age and older group, who were exempted from premium payment, increased 1.91% to 149,269 and the number of persons covered increased 1.84% to 219,868.

The number of registrants with Alberta Widows' Pension coverage increased 25.41% to 3,322 and the number of persons covered increased 26.34% to 3,885.

The number of registrants in the social allowance recipient group, who received premium-free coverage, increased 4.00% to 53,890, and the number of persons covered increased 3.29% to 119,264 (these figures also included inmates of Provincial Correctional Centres, and their spouses and dependants, who were exempted from payment of premiums for Basic Health Services).

The number of registrants who did not qualify for the 100% subsidy or social allowance, yet were granted waiver of premium due to current financial difficulties, increased 46.90% to 2,046.

The number of groups decreased 0.93% to 13,045 and the number of persons under group coverage decreased 0.30% to 1,586,872. These figures included registrants 65 years of age and older and their spouses and dependants, widows and widowers receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension and their dependants, and registrants in receipt of an allowance under The Social Development Act.

Registrants who chose to opt out of the Plan for the year ended March 31, 1985 increased 0.86% to 117 from 116. This involved 328 persons who were responsible for paying for their own health services.

ALBERTA BLUE CROSS NON-GROUP MEMBERSHIP

The number of registrations under Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group coverage increased 0.93% to 237,036 and the number of persons covered increased 0.26% to 436,961.

FEDERAL COST-SHARING

Under the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Established Programs Financing Act, 1977, as amended in 1982, federal contributions to the provinces consist of tax-point transfer and direct cash contributions. Only the Medicare portion of the cash contributions is received by the Plan. In 1984-85, this amounted to $114,880,568.

PAYMENTS OF BENEFITS

Total payments for Basic Health Services increased 5.35% to $562,347,934 from $533,791,923.

The Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1981 and its consequential amendment to the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act effective January 1, 1982, transferred from the Workers' Compensation Board to the Health Care Insurance Fund the responsibility for paying benefits for Basic Health Services provided to injured workers coming under the Workers' Compensation Act. Subsequently, the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act and the Workers' Compensation Act were amended by the Health Care Statutes Amendment Act, 1983, assented to June 6, 1983, retroactive to January 1, 1982, to authorize the use of the Health Care Insurance Fund for the payments made on behalf of and recoverable from the Workers' Compensation Board. Payments for Workers' Compensation Board services have been excluded from the statistical data relating to payments for Basic Health Services.

Fee-for-service payments for Basic Health Services and their changes over the previous year were:

Medical	$503,998,319 a	4.44% increase of	$21,416,837
Oral Surgery	$ 10,476,518 a	19.42% increase of	$ 1,703,799
Chiropractic	$ 20,959,926 a	4.36% increase of	$ 876,590
Optometry	$ 8,854,521 a	9.02% increase of	$ 732,593
Podiatry	$ 2,913,122 a	8.91% increase of	$ 238,272
Physiotherapy	$ 12,091,004 a	33.27% increase of	$ 3,018,574

The number of Alberta practitioners claiming during the year and the percentage change from the previous year were:

Physicians	3,353	3.71% increase
Dental Surgeons	894	5.42% increase
Chiropractors	308	2.67% increase
Optometrists	202	2.54% increase
Podiatrists	18	5.26% decrease
Physiotherapists	258	20.00% increase

The average fee-for-service payments to Alberta practitioners and the percentage change over last year were:

Physicians	$148,009	0.59% increase
Dental Surgeons	$ 11,697	13.32% increase
Chiropractors	$ 67,687	1.66% increase
Optometrists	$ 43,690	6.38% increase
Podiatrists	$161,457	15.02% increase
Physiotherapists	$ 46,701	11.09% increase

In addition to fee-for-service payments for Basic Health Services, $3,054,524 was paid to Provincial and Federal Departments and Agencies and groups of medical practitioners for health care services provided on salary, sessional and contract arrangements.

The Plan's average cost of fee-for-service benefits for Basic Health Services increased 7.21% to $233.07 per person.

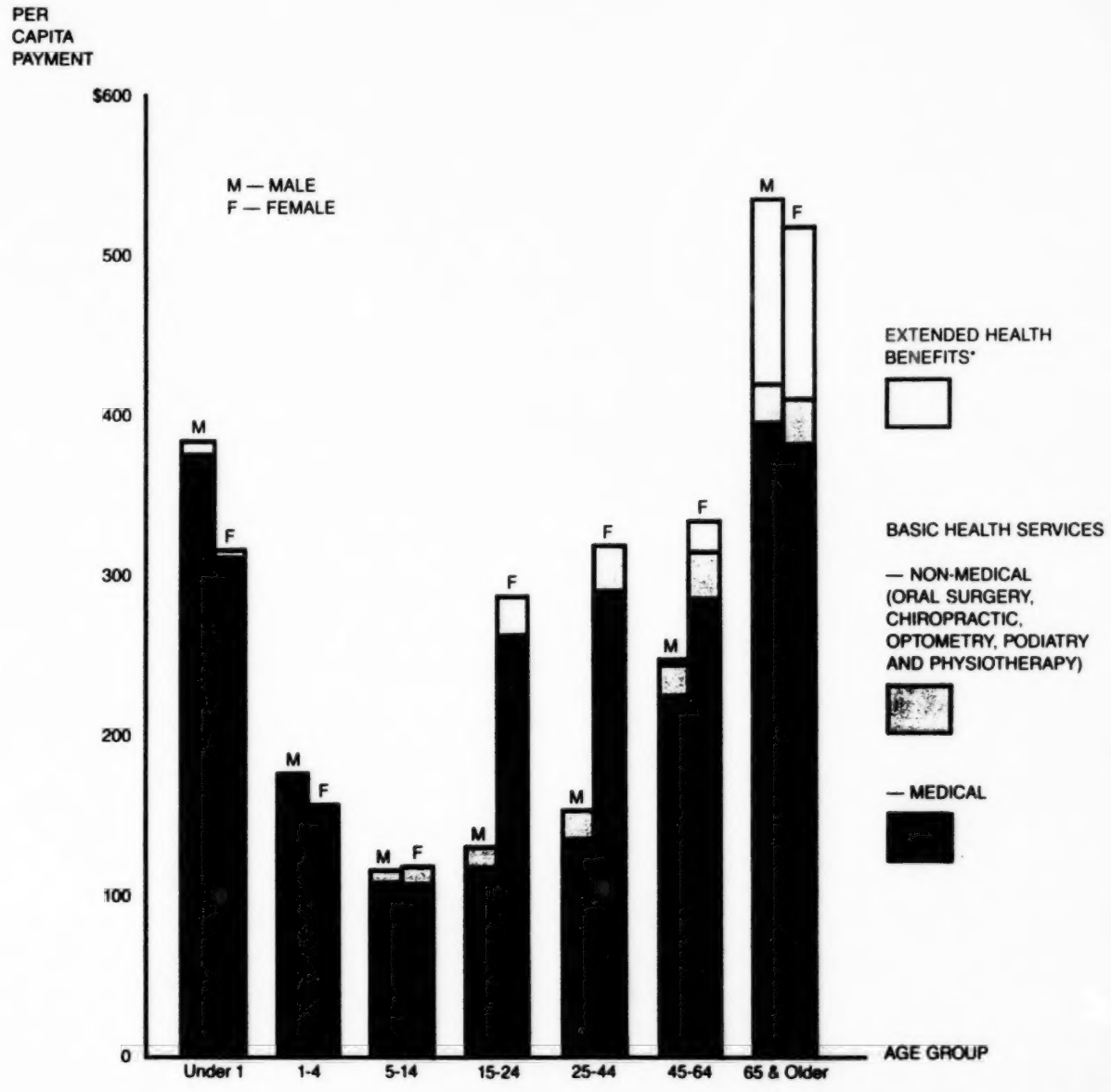
EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS

Under the Extended Health Benefits Program, registrants aged 65 and older and their spouses and dependants, and widows and widowers receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension and their dependants, were entitled to receive dental and optical benefits. The total payments and average cost per person for these benefits were:

Dental	$15,549,873	$69.50
Denturists	$ 5,488,409	$24.53
Optometry	$ 2,156,425	$ 9.64
Ophthalmic Dispensers	$ 2,154,937	$ 9.63

NOTE: The fee-for-service data in these HIGHLIGHTS and the statistical information of this report include services which were paid during the period, while the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS include expenditures for services provided during the period.

DISTRIBUTION OF AVERAGE PAYMENTS PER PERSON COVERED FOR BASIC HEALTH SERVICES AND EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS BY AGE AND SEX FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1985



*Covers residents 65 years and older and their spouses and dependants, and widows and widowers receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension and their dependants.

NOTE: Where per capita payment was less than $1.00 it was not indicated.

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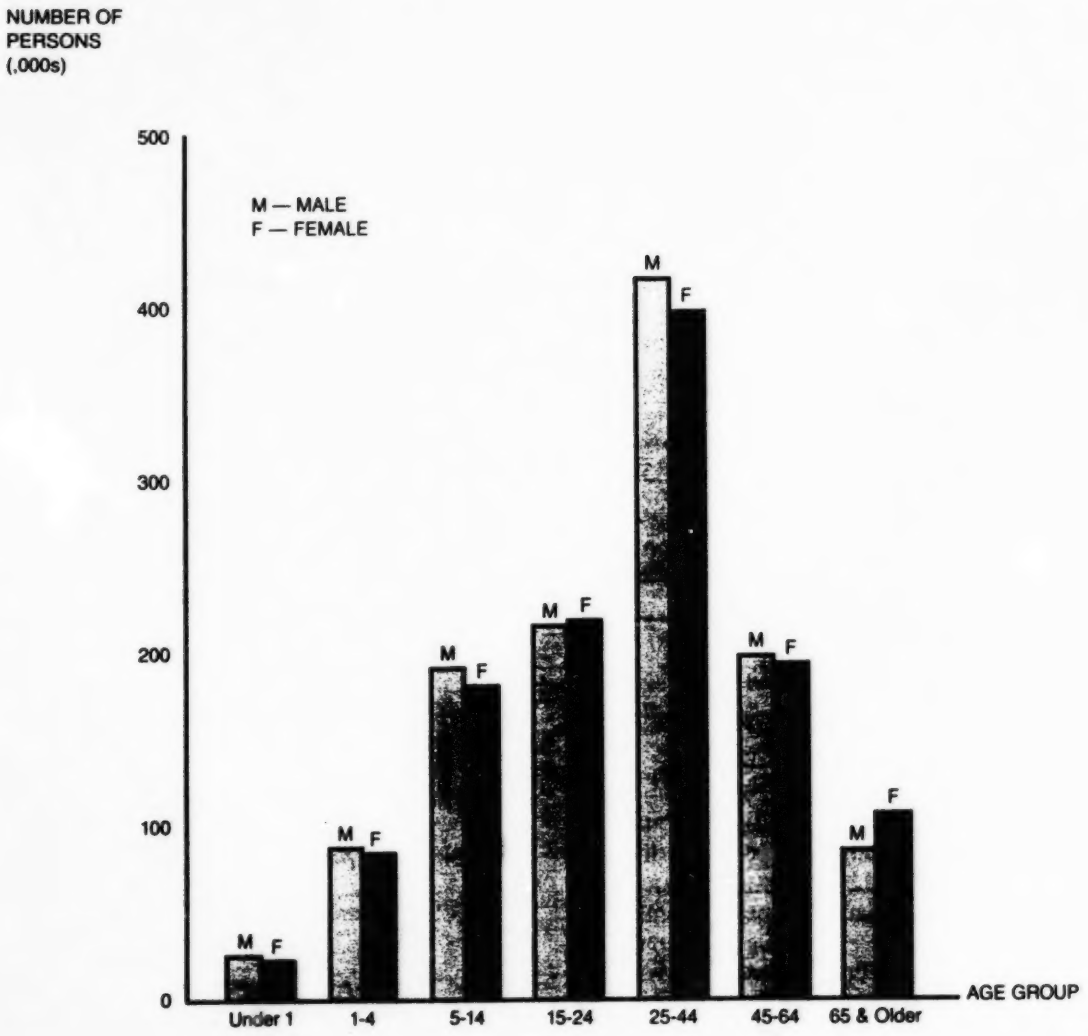
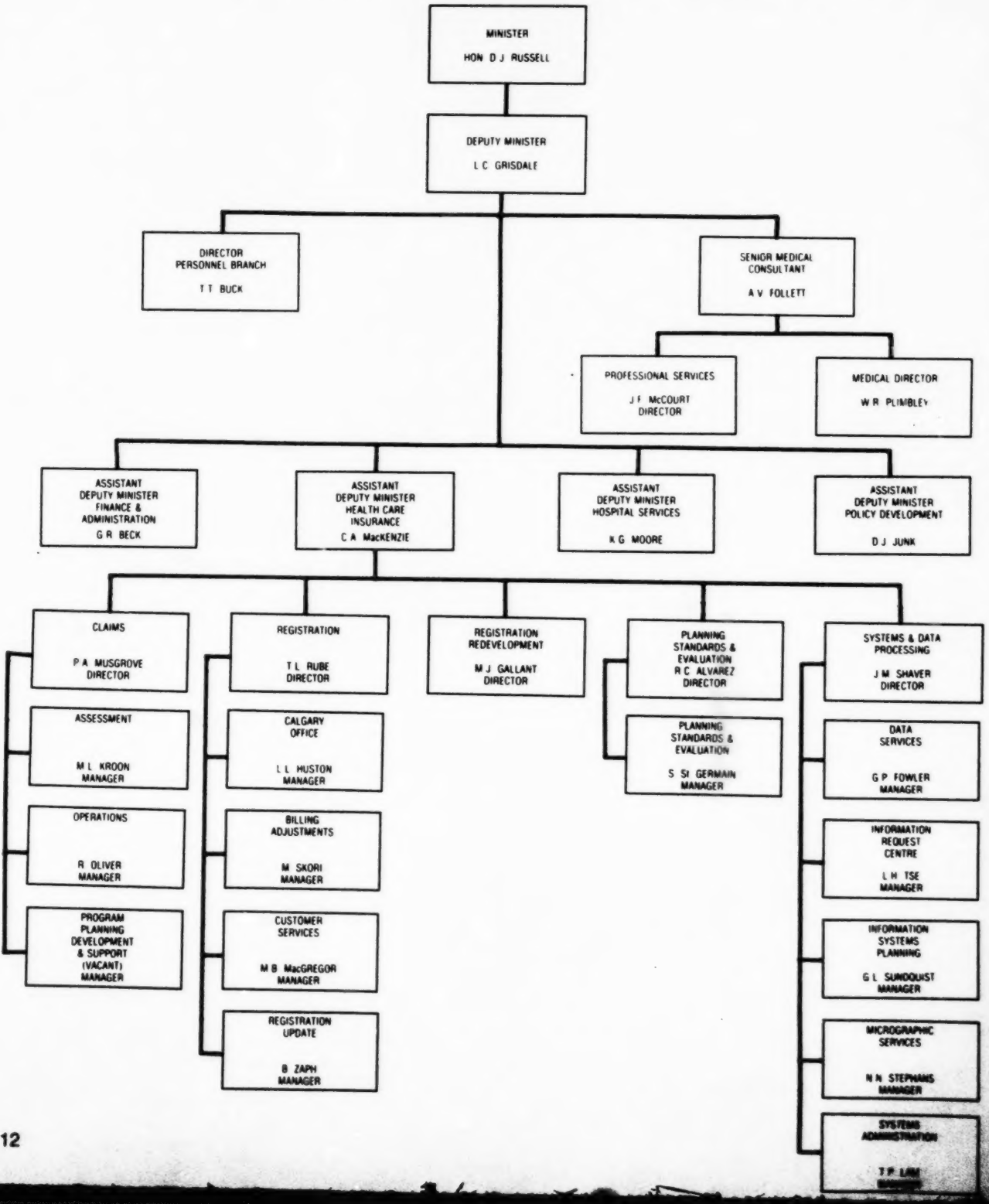


2. ORGANIZATION CHART

ALBERTA HOSPITALS & MEDICAL CARE
HEALTH CARE INSURANCE PLAN
MARCH 31, 1985



ADMINISTRATION OF THE PLAN

Lloyd C. Grisdale M.D., Deputy Minister, was directly responsible to the Honourable David J. Russell, Minister of Alberta Hospitals and Medical Care, for the administration of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and the operation of the Health Care Insurance Fund.

Cecil A. MacKenzie, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Health Care Insurance Division, was responsible to the Deputy Minister for the day-to-day operation of the Plan, assisted by the directors of the four branches of the division. Providing support were the Finance and Administration Division and the Policy Development Division, as well as the Senior Medical Consultant and Personnel Branch.

REGISTRATION BRANCH

Thelma L. Rube was Director of this branch which was responsible for:

- registration of all residents and the updating of registration information;
- recording of Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group memberships obtained through the Plan;
- premium billing;
- public information services in Edmonton and Calgary, and
- field staff who provided assistance to employers and others operating under the group plan.

CLAIMS BRANCH

Phillip A. Musgrove was Director of this branch which processed claims for:

- benefits for Basic Health Services provided both within and outside the Province;
- optical and dental benefits, provided both within and outside the Province, under the Extended Health Benefits Program;
- benefits for Workers' Compensation Board patients;
- special benefits under the Emergency Financial Assistance Program, and
- benefits for insured hospital services provided outside Alberta.

SYSTEMS AND DATA PROCESSING BRANCH

Joseph M. Shaver was Director of this branch which provided information systems support to the Plan in the areas of:

- EDP planning;
- new project development;
- maintenance and enhancements to existing systems;
- data processing operations, including data conversion, data control, computer processing and monitoring computer processing;
- consulting services for hardware and software;
- liaison with the Information Services Division of Alberta Government Services;
- micrographics systems and services, and
- operation of the Information Request Centre.

PLANNING, STANDARDS AND EVALUATION BRANCH

Richard C. Alvarez was Director of this Branch which was responsible for:

- researching and analysing operational policy issues and program matters on behalf of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan;
- developing and co-ordinating divisional planning documents, and
- researching and analysing business issues and options as they relate to efficiency improvements and new developments in the division.

DIVISIONAL SUPPORT - RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT UNIT

Reporting directly to the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Health Care Insurance Division, this unit was responsible for providing in-house operational training and developing operational courses, for supporting external training and development, and for the division's project management system.

REGISTRATION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Marcel J. Gallant as Director of this project was responsible for the development and implementation of a new registration/premium-collection system. When implemented, the system will feature fully on-line enquiry and update capabilities utilizing state-of-the-art technology. The major benefit will be a significantly improved level of service.

DEPARTMENTAL SUPPORT

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

This division, under Assistant Deputy Minister George R. Beck, provided support by:

- maintaining financial and accounting records;
- collecting premium and other revenues;
- preparing budget and fiscal reports;
- administering office services and facilities management;
- providing revenue and expenditure control;
- maintaining an internal audit program;
- providing legislative planning, interpretations and legal services, and
- providing internal and external communication services.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

This division, under Assistant Deputy Minister Donald J. Junk, provided support by:

- initiating, coordinating and administering health economics research;

- gathering statistical data, and
- preparing data for fee negotiations with the health professions.

SENIOR MEDICAL CONSULTANT

This sector, under Senior Medical Consultant Arthur V. Follett M.D., provided support by:

- providing professional advice for the planning, delivery and economics of insured services programs;
- maintaining liaison with practitioners and their professional associations;
- developing claims assessment policies and reviewing the accuracy of claims submissions;
- providing educational and technical training for the claims assessment staff;
- administrating the Statements of Benefits program (whereby all registrants of the Plan received notification with regard to benefits paid on their behalf), including answering inquiries and responding to special requests, and
- monitoring the practice patterns of practitioners to ensure that payments were in line with the Rules and Regulations as stated in the legislation.

PERSONNEL BRANCH

This branch, under Director Terrence T. Buck, administered the Plan's personnel services, which included recruitment and selection of staff, pay and benefits administration, job classification, staff relations, employee performance evaluation, health and safety, and organization development and training.

In this fiscal year, the branch provided support and assistance to line management in completing and adjusting to the major downsizing exercises of 1983-1984.

4. CHANGES TO RATES OF BENEFITS

There were no increases to the rates payable under the Schedules of Benefits of the Plan for Basic Health Services and Extended Health Benefits during 1984-85.

5. FINANCING OF THE PLAN

The Plan was financed by premiums, Government of Canada cash contributions and by a Government of Alberta grant to cover the remainder.

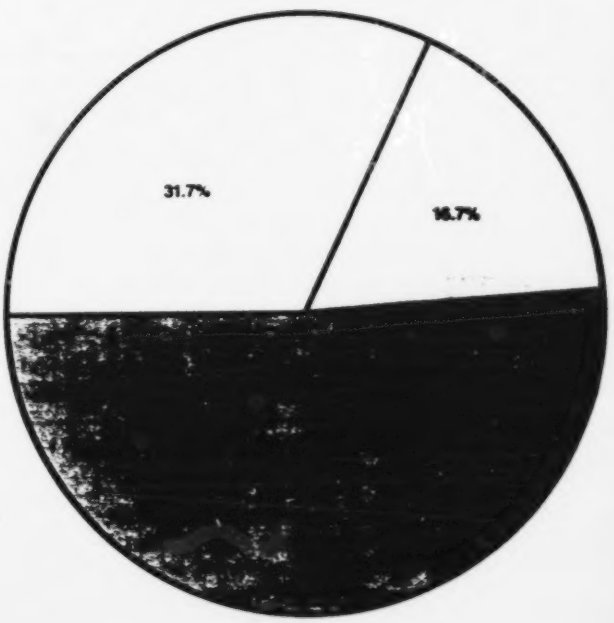
Premiums financed 31.7% of the cost of the Plan, versus 32.0% for last year.

Government of Canada cash contributions accounted for an additional 16.7% of the cost as compared with 13.8% for the previous year.

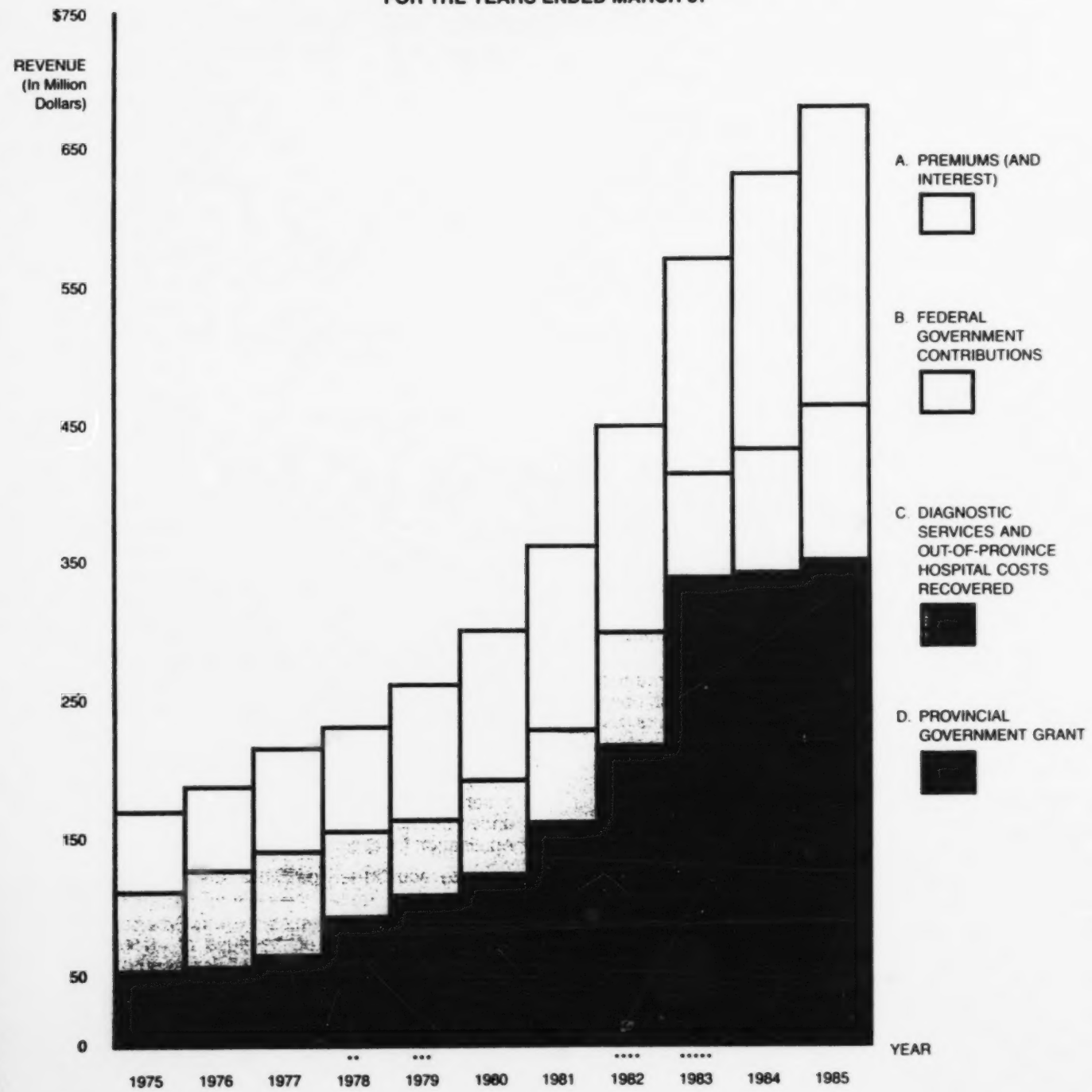
The remaining 51.6% was funded by a grant from the Government of Alberta. Last year this grant covered 54.2%.

Since April 1, 1977, Government of Canada contributions to the provinces have been in the form of transfer of tax points and direct cash payments. Prior to May, 1984, the cash contribution to Alberta respecting medical care was paid directly to the Health Care Insurance Fund by the federal government. Since May, 1984, however, the cash contributions for hospital insurance and medical care have been combined and paid directly to the provincial General Revenue Fund by the federal government. The medical care portion of the cash contribution has been transferred to the Health Care Insurance Fund.

SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE ALBERTA HEALTH CARE INSURANCE PLAN FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1985



SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE ALBERTA HEALTH CARE INSURANCE PLAN FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31*



NOTES:

* Estimated on an accrual basis for 1973 to 1977 from audited statements of revenues.

** Effective April 1, 1977, the federal government contributions included direct cash contributions only, and therefore were not comparable to the previous years.

*** The recovery of diagnostic service costs and out-of-province hospital costs was discontinued effective April 1, 1977 and 1978, respectively.

**** Excludes provincial government contributions covering expenditures for Workers' Compensation Services for the period from January 1 to March 31, 1982.

***** Provincial government grant includes a recovery of $2,304,324 from the Workers' Compensation Board applicable to the 1981-82 fiscal year.

6. BENEFITS OF THE PLAN

Benefits on a fee-for-service basis were based on approved schedules of benefits and paid to registered residents of Alberta or, on their behalf, directly to practitioners. Available benefits were:

BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

- Medically required services of general practitioners and specialists.
- Specified oral surgical procedures carried out by dental surgeons.
- Optometric services limited to one eye examination including refraction and the writing of a prescription for the fitting of glasses in each benefit period* and limited to a maximum of $23.75 (effective January 1, 1983). Benefits for more than one eye examination may be paid in each benefit period if the optometrist of that person satisfies the Minister in writing that more than one assessment is required. The Plan did not pay for the fitting or cost of glasses.
- Chiropractic services to a maximum of $11.50 for each visit with a limit during each benefit period* of $192.00 for single residents and $384.00 for those with one or more dependants. This coverage included $19.00 for x-rays for each particular disability (effective January 1, 1983).
- Approved podiatric services and appliances. There was a limit during each benefit period* of $192.00 for single residents and $384.00 for those with one or more dependants (effective January 1, 1983).
- Physiotherapy services to a daily maximum of $18.70 per person, with a limit during each benefit period* of $192.00 for single residents and $384.00 for those with one or more dependants. These limits were waived for cases which were considered a continuation of inpatient hospital care under the joint referral of the attending physician and hospital physiotherapy department, and for persons eligible for Extended Health Benefits.

* A benefit period consists of 12 months, beginning the first of each July and running until the end of the following June.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Coverage included hospital services provided under The Alberta Hospitalization Benefits Plan.

ALBERTA BLUE CROSS NON-GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Optional health services under the Alberta Blue Cross Plan were provided through the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan at no cost to registrants aged 65 and older and to their spouses and dependants, and to widows and widowers receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension and to their dependants. Non-Group membership was also available at reduced rates to other registered residents unable to obtain similar coverage through their place of employment.

The Alberta Blue Cross Plan, operated by the Alberta Hospital Association, was reimbursed by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan for the claims expenditure and for the associated administrative costs.

EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS

This program was provided without payment of a premium for registrants aged 65 and older and for their spouses and dependants, and for widows and widowers receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension and for their dependants. The following benefits were paid in accordance with approved schedules of rates:

- Dental goods and services including restorative, surgical and prosthetic dental care and repairs to dentures. Not more than $1,200 was payable on behalf of one person for any two consecutive calendar years. A complete or partial dental plate or a reset for a given arch was payable only once in every five years and a reline or rebase once in every two years.
- Optical goods and services prescribed following an eye examination or required to maintain the prescription. A benefit for new eyeglasses was not payable more than once in every three years unless the eyeglasses had been accidentally damaged beyond repair or a change of prescription was necessary following surgery affecting vision.

The Department of Social Services and Community Health was responsible for providing benefits for hearing aids and surgical and medical supplies and appliances.

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Under this program, a registrant could apply for special consideration to help in paying for insured health and hospital services received outside Alberta, if the costs exceeded the benefits payable by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and the Alberta Hospitalization Benefits Plan and the excessive cost placed an undue burden on the registrant's financial resources. Application for assistance could be made when:

- the required services were not available in Alberta, or
- during temporary absence from Alberta, the services were required because of an emergency which could not have been foreseen or guarded against.

7. MONTHLY PREMIUM RATES

BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

Regular Premium Rates	
Single	$14.00
Family	28.00
Registrant or Spouse aged 65 and older	
Single or Family	Nil
Widows and Widowers receiving Alberta Widows' Pension	
Single or Family	Nil
Reduced Premium Rates	
Single, Taxable income more than $3500 but not more than $4500	7.00
Family, Taxable income more than $6000 but not more than $7500*	14.00
Single, Taxable income not more than $3500	Nil
Family, Taxable income not more than $6000*	Nil
Social Allowance Recipients	Nil
Waiver of Premium (due to financial hardship)†	Nil

ALBERTA BLUE CROSS NON-GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Regular Premium Rates	
Single	$ 6.60
Family	13.20
Registrant or Spouse aged 65 and older	
Single or Family	Nil
Widows and Widowers receiving Alberta Widows' Pension	
Single or Family	Nil
Reduced Premium Rates	
Single, Taxable income not more than $4500	4.70
Family, Taxable income not more than $7500*	9.40

* For family registration, taxable incomes of husband and wife are combined.

† Program revision effective March 1, 1985.

Note: The premium rates for Basic Health Services and Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership have been in effect since July 1, 1983.

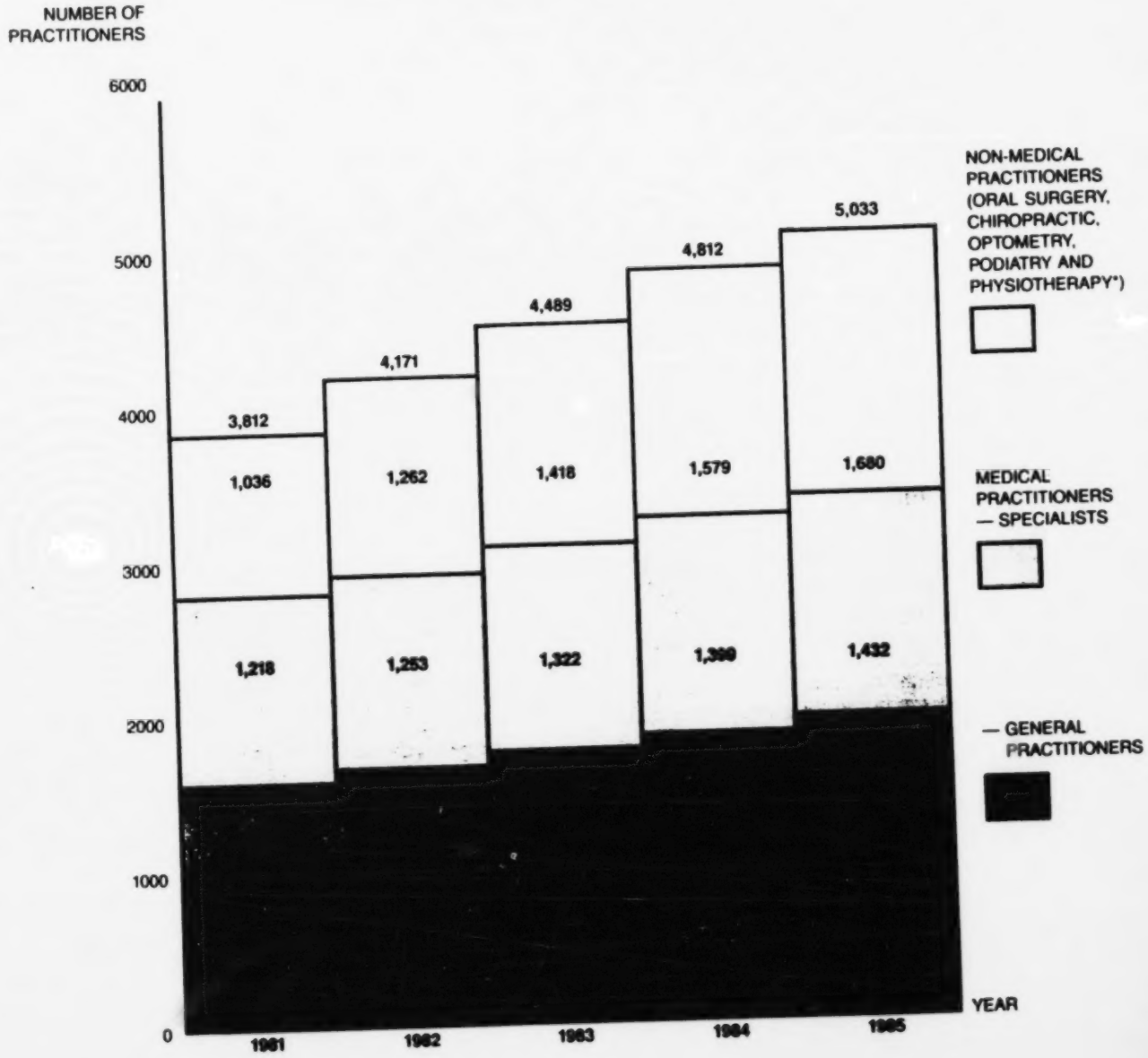
8. FIVE YEAR SUMMARY

Selected comparative statistical data for the past five years are illustrated by the following charts:

1. Number of Alberta practitioners who received payments for Basic Health Services from the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan for the years ended March 31, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1985.
2. Average payment per person covered for Basic Health Services for the years ended March 31, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1985.
3. Average number of services per person covered for Basic Health Services for the years ended March 31, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1985.

CHART 1

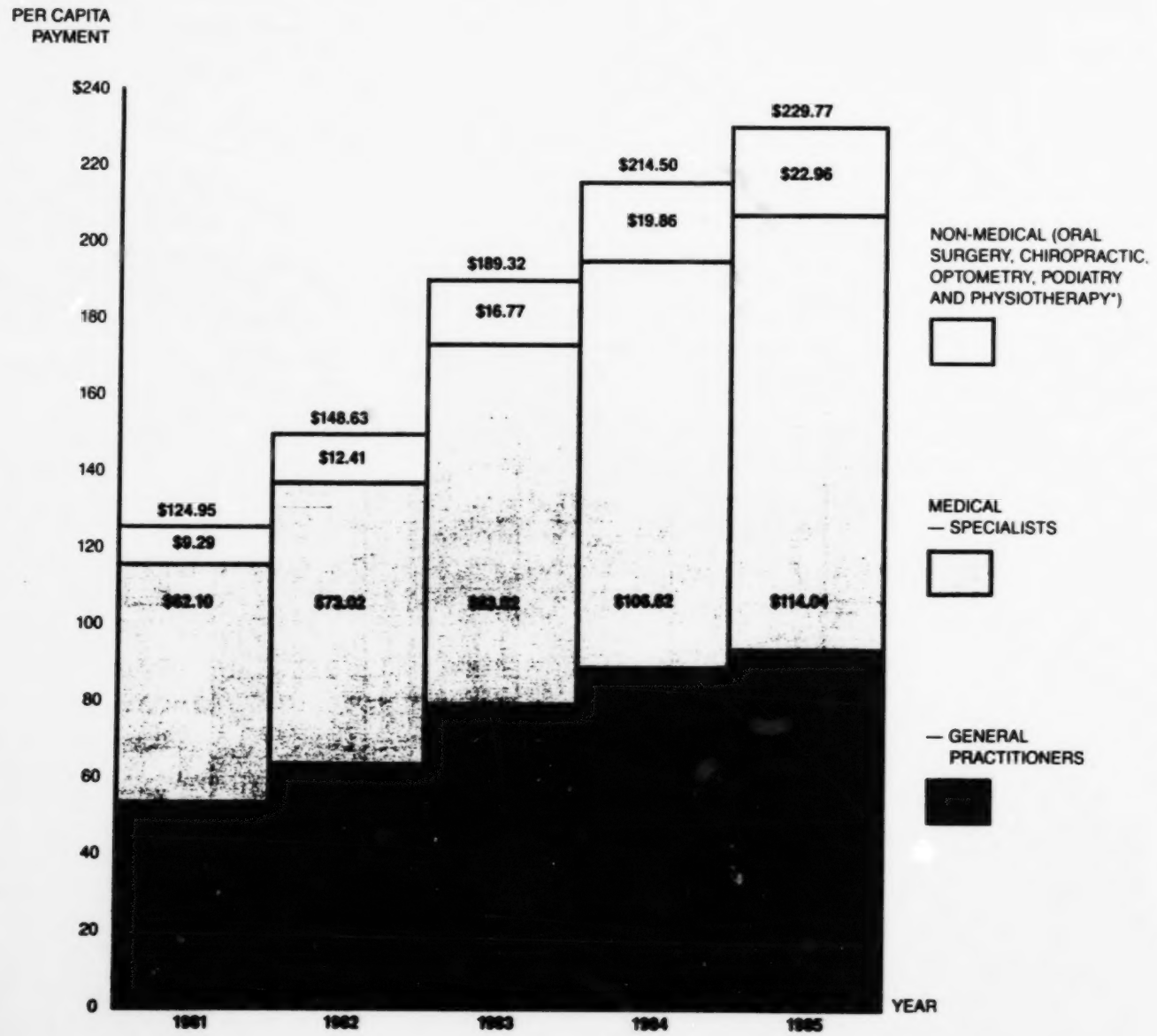
NUMBER OF ALBERTA PRACTITIONERS WHO RECEIVED PAYMENT FOR BASIC HEALTH SERVICES FROM THE ALBERTA HEALTH CARE INSURANCE PLAN FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31



*The number of physiotherapists for the fiscal year 1981-82 includes only those practitioners who received fee-for-service payments during the nine-month period July 1, 1981 to March 31, 1982.

CHART 2

AVERAGE PAYMENT PER PERSON COVERED FOR BASIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31

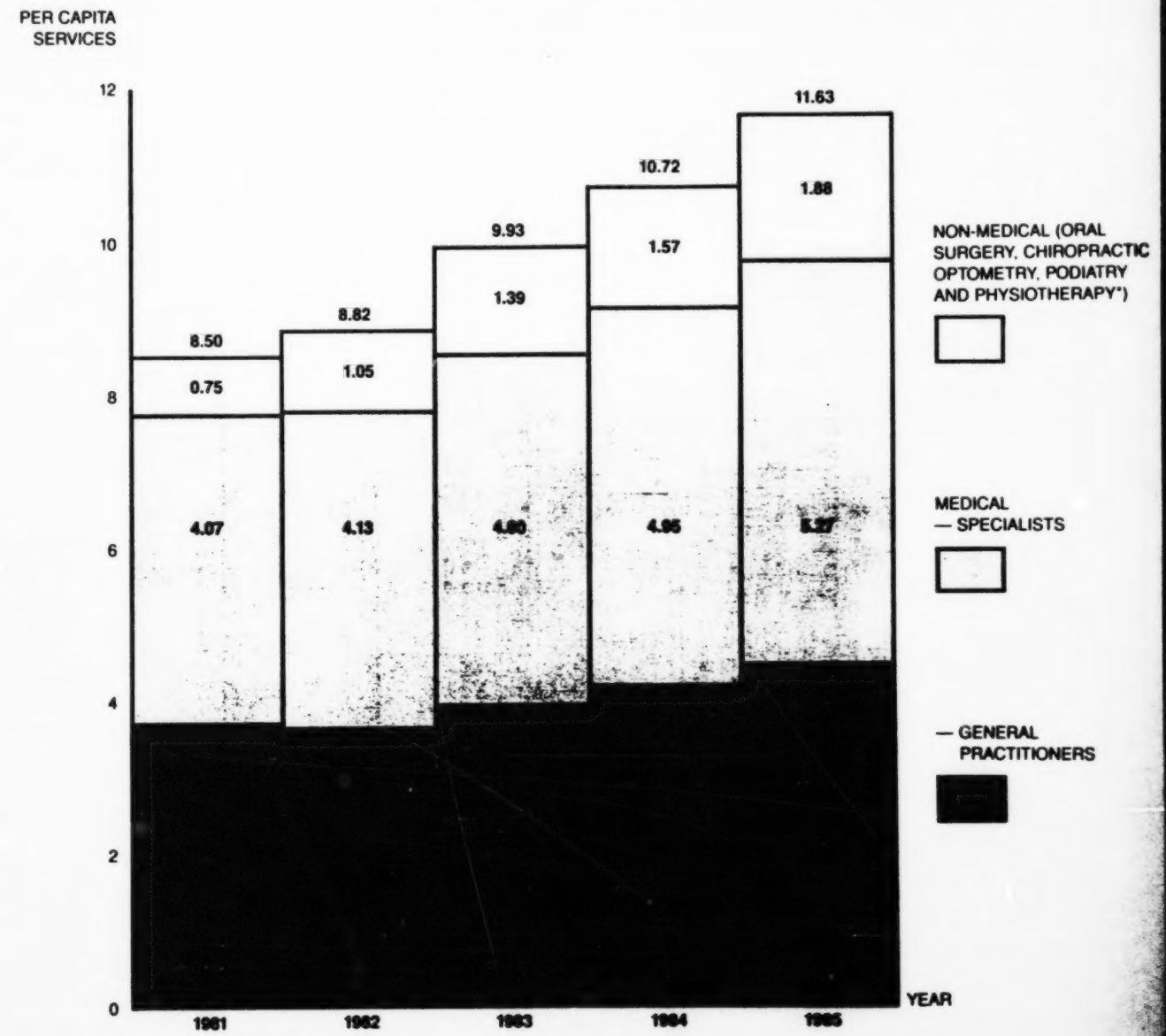


*The amount paid to physiotherapists for the fiscal year 1981-82 includes only fee-for-service payments made during the nine-month period from July 1, 1981 to March 31, 1982.

NOTE: Only fee-for-service payments to Alberta practitioners are included.

CHART 3

AVERAGE NUMBER OF SERVICES PER PERSON FOR BASIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31



*The amount paid to physiotherapists for the fiscal year 1981-82 includes only fee-for-service payments made during the nine-month period from July 1, 1981 to March 31, 1982.

NOTE: Only services provided by Alberta practitioners on a fee-for-service basis are included.

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EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

The following are explanatory remarks relating to statistical tables tabulated from the registration and claims-payment files of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.

(A) Registration

1. The coverage data reported are the actual registrations on the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan files. These exceed the Statistics Canada provincial population estimates. The differences are accounted for by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan files being kept current by the continual processing of additions and deletions of persons, by persons being temporarily absent from the province for educational purposes and by registrants who have left the province but retain coverage for a period of three months.
2. The coverage figures do not include members of the Armed Forces and R.C.M.P., and inmates of Federal Penitentiaries.
3. Exemption from payment of premium for Basic Health Services and Alberta Blue Cross was granted to registrants aged 65 and older and to their spouses and dependants; and to widows and widowers receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension and to their dependants.
4. The premium payment levels indicated are those charged to registrants by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.

(B) Claims-Payment

1. Under the Extended Health Benefits Program, the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan paid a major portion of the cost of eyeglasses, dentures and dental care for registrants 65 years of age and older and for their spouses and their dependants; and for widows and widowers receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension and for their dependants.
2. The data relating to expenditures for health services are tabulated and reported on a date-of-payment basis.
3. The specialty distribution of medical practitioners is based on their specialty as at the end of the fiscal year.
4. With the exception of 1) practitioners who provide a locum tenens for another practitioner, and 2) claims for laboratory and radiology services, each practitioner must claim for the services which he/she provides.
5. Practitioners may assign the payments to which they are entitled to a clinic of which they are members, and this arrangement is between the practitioner and the clinic. These assignments are recorded as payments to the practitioner who provided the services.
6. Average payment is the arithmetic mean payment. Median payment is the middle payment when all payments are arranged according to size.
7. To make statistical data more manageable, a grouping of medical practitioners is necessary for certain cross-tabulations. The grouping consists of (i) General Practitioners, (ii) Medical Specialists, (iii) Surgical Specialists and (iv) Laboratory Specialists. The Medical Specialists group is composed of anaesthetists, dermatologists, internists, neurologists, paediatricians, psychiatrists and physiatrists. The Surgical Specialists group is made up of general surgeons, urologists, neurological surgeons, obstetricians-gynaecologists, ophthalmologists, rhino-otolaryngologists, orthopaedic surgeons, plastic surgeons and thoracic surgeons. The Laboratory Specialists group consists of pathologists and pathology laboratories, radiologists and radiology laboratories and other laboratories such as E.E.G. (electroencephalogram) laboratories.
8. Osteopathic services are included in medical services.
9. The number of discrete patients is defined as the number of different registered persons receiving at least one service during the period reported.
10. Payments for Basic Health Services provided to injured workers coming under the Workers' Compensation Act, which are recoverable from the Workers' Compensation Board, have not been included in the payment data shown in the following statistical tables.
11. The payment statistics in the following tables exclude certain adjustments and off-line payments.

NOTE

The statistics in the following tables cannot be used as an accurate measure of a full-time practitioner's income as:

(1) practitioners receive income from other sources (e.g. Workers' Compensation Board, extra-billing, third party medicals, and for other services not covered by the Plan);
(2) both full-time and part-time practitioners are included in the statistics;
(3) the figures quoted are gross payments from which practitioners pay their office expenses.

MEDICAL BENEFITS
SELECTED INDICATORS
For the years ended March 31

TABLE 1

	1983	1984	1985	Percentage Change 1984/1983	Percentage Change 1985/1984
Number of Registered Persons	2,464,253	2,443,943	2,399,690	– 0.82%	– 1.81%
Number of Medical Practitioners					
All Practitioners	3,071	3,233	3,353	5.28%	3.71%
General Practitioners	1,749	1,834	1,921	4.86%	4.74%
Medical Specialists	671	712	737	6.11%	3.51%
Surgical Specialists	504	524	529	3.97%	0.95%
Laboratory Specialists	147	163	166	10.88%	1.84%
Total Medical Payments*	$425,200,258	$475,692,048	$496,274,728	11.87%	4.33%
Total Number of Medical Services*	21,043,099	22,360,803	23,412,137	6.26%	4.70%
Number of Medical Services Per Practitioner	6,852	6,916	6,982	0.93%	0.95%
Total Medical Payment Per 1,000 Persons	$ 172,547	$ 194,641	$ 206,808	12.80%	6.25%
Total Number of Services Per 1,000 Persons	8,539	9,149	9,756	7.14%	6.63%
Average Payments					
All Practitioners	$ 138,457	$ 147,136	$ 148,009	6.27%	0.59%
General Practitioners	112,055	117,299	115,881	4.68%	– 1.21%
Medical Specialists	105,469	113,360	113,999	7.48%	0.56%
Surgical Specialists	155,717	166,356	167,904	6.83%	0.93%
Laboratory Specialists	543,977	568,604	607,401	4.53%	6.82%
Median Payments					
All Practitioners	$ 116,351	$ 120,532	$ 119,175	3.59%	– 1.13%
General Practitioners	112,017	116,658	114,108	4.14%	– 2.19%
Medical Specialists	103,097	105,910	106,982	2.73%	1.01%
Surgical Specialists	151,160	165,140	163,505	9.25%	– 0.99%
Laboratory Specialists	70,156	76,473	69,033	9.00%	– 9.73%
Discrete Patients (Medical)**	2,041,349	2,065,094	2,075,464	1.16%	0.50%
Discrete Patients Per Practitioner	665	639	619	– 3.91%	– 3.13%

* Only fee-for-service items paid to practitioners in Alberta are included.

** Discrete Patients means the number of persons who have received at least one service during the period.

MEDICAL SERVICES PER 1,000 INSURED PERSONS ACCORDING TO TYPE OF SERVICE

For the years ended June 30, 1975 to 1977 and March 31, 1978 to 1985

TABLE 2

Type of Service	Years Ending June 30			Years Ending March 31								Percentage Change (1985/1984)	Annual Average Percentage Change (1975-1985)
	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985		
Consultations	175	179	193	195	207	210	218	226	254	284	**311**	**9.51%**	6.07%
Office Visits	2,858	2,917	3,080	3,022	3,110	3,164	3,269	3,244	3,561	3,795	**4,066**	**7.14**	3.68
Hospital Visits	899	850	826	786	775	767	706	676	742	804	**837**	**4.10**	-0.73
Special Visits	217	219	213	175	157	149	149	143	110	88	**88**	**—**	-8.84
Major Surgery	64	64	67	66	66	64	63	61	67	73	**74**	**1.37**	1.50
Minor Surgery	90	86	93	99	98	96	101	101	108	115	**114**	**-0.87**	2.45
Surgical Assists	35	33	32	30	29	27	29	27	28	29	**31**	**6.90**	-1.24
Obstetrical Services	20	20	21	21	21	22	22	22	23	24	**22**	**-8.33**	0.98
Anaesthesia	139	137	135	132	133	143	144	142	153	167	**170**	**1.80**	2.09
Radiology Services	322	313	321	318	321	296	287	271	290	290	**310**	**6.90**	0.39
Pathology Services	1,622	1,724	1,724	1,739	1,904	2,141	2,243	2,328	2,637	2,820	**3,039**	**7.77**	6.65
Other Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services	636	614	621	592	613	591	608	616	659	759	**807**	**6.32**	2.47
TOTAL	7,077	7,156	7,326	7,175	7,434	7,670	7,839	7,857	8,632	9,248	**9,869**	**6.71**	3.47

NOTES: A. Included are medical services provided in and outside Alberta on a fee-for-service basis.

B. Osteopathic services were classified as medical services effective October 10, 1973. They were included in medical services for the entire year ended June 30, 1974 and for all subsequent years.

C. Special visits include routine home visits, emergency home visits and other home visits.

BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

TABLE 3

PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN THE SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

Discipline / Effective Date	Medical	Oral Surgery	Chiropractic	Optometry	Podiatry	Physiotherapy ·
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
July 1, 1970	6.95	Nil	18.99	25.00	25.63	N.A.
November 1, 1972	0.62	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	N.A.
October 1, 1973	4.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	N.A.
October 1, 1974	4.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	N.A.
March 1, 1975	7.20	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	N.A.
January 1, 1976	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	N.A.
January 1, 1977	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	N.A.
January 1, 1978	6.47	6.47	6.47	6.47	6.47	N.A.
January 1, 1979	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	N.A.
January 1, 1980	15.50	10.50	9.00*	8.50	9.00	N.A.
January 1, 1981	15.40**	11.60	11.00	11.00	11.00	N.A.
January 1, 1982	16.47	9.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.18··
July 1, 1982	4.80***	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
January 1, 1983	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00···

NOTES:
- * Effective March 1, 1980.
- ** Effective March 1, 1981, annualized to 12.80%.
- *** Added benefits to deal with substantive issues, including payments for mandatory consultations, re-designation of the workday start, differentials for evenings and nights, and differentials for week-ends and holidays.
- · Fee-for-service physiotherapy became an insured benefit of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan on July 1, 1981.
- ·· Effective February 1, 1982, annualized to 13.00%.
- ··· Effective March 1, 1983, annualized to 5.00%.

REGISTRATIONS AND PERSONS COVERED

at March 31

TABLE 4

	Registrations			Percentage Change		Persons			Percentage Change	
	1983	1984	1985	1984/1983	1985/1984	1983	1984	1985	1984/1983	1985/1984
Individual	413,882	407,928	**378,220**	- 1.44%	**- 7.28%**	851,060	852,226	**804,210**	0.14%	**- 5.63%**
Group	512,460	498,277	**492,236**	- 2.77%	**- 1.21%**	1,270,449	1,257,272	**1,252,463**	- 1.04%	**- 0.38%**
Registrant or Spouse Age 65 or Older	142,153	146,475	**149,269**	3.04%	**1.91%**	209,629	215,906	**219,868**	2.99%	**1.84%**
Widows' Pension	—	2,649	**3,322**	—	**25.41%**	—	3,075	**3,885**	—	**26.34%**
Social Allowance Recipients*	58,044	51,815	**53,890**	- 10.73%	**4.00%**	133,115	115,464	**119,264**	- 13.26%	**3.29%**
TOTAL	1,126,539	1,107,144	**1,076,937**	- 1.72%	**- 2.73%**	2,464,253	2,443,943	**2,399,690**	- 0.82%	**- 1.81%**

* Also includes inmates of Provincial Correctional Centres and their spouses and dependants, who were exempted from payment of premiums for Basic Health Services.

NOTES:

A. The coverage data reported are the actual registrations on the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan files. These exceed the Statistics Canada provincial population estimates. The differences are accounted for by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan files being kept current by the continual processing of additions and deletions of persons, by persons being temporarily outside the province for educational purposes and by registrants who have left the province but retain coverage for a period of three months.

B. The coverage figures do not include members of the Armed Forces and R.C.M.P., and inmates of Federal Penitentiaries.

C. Where either the registrant or registrant's spouse was age 65 years or older, exemption from payment of premium for Basic Health Services and Alberta Blue Cross was granted.

D. The Alberta Widows' Pension Program was introduced on May 1, 1983 to assist widows and widowers of limited income who were age 55 and older but under age 65, by providing financial, housing and health care benefits similar to those received by Alberta senior citizens. Under the health care benefits portion of the Program, eligible persons and their dependants receive premium-free coverage under the Basic Health Services Program, Extended Health Benefits Program and Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership.

REGISTRATIONS AND PERSONS COVERED BY METHOD OF PREMIUM COLLECTION AND SUBSIDY LEVEL at March 31, 1985

TABLE 5

	One Person		Two Persons		Three or More Persons		Total	
	Registrations	Persons	Registrations	Persons	Registrations	Persons	Registrations	Persons
Non Subsidized								
Individual	142,104	142,104	43,535	87,070	95,194	381,518	280,833	610,692
Group	155,042	155,042	104,204	208,408	216,161	855,119	475,407	1,218,569
TOTAL	297,146	297,146	147,739	295,478	311,355	1,236,637	756,240	1,829,261
Subsidized								
Reduced Premium Rates								
Individual	4,362	4,362	1,255	2,510	2,399	9,673	8,016	16,545
Group	731	731	273	546	411	1,700	1,415	2,977
Premium Exempt								
Individual	51,822	51,822	13,792	27,584	23,757	97,567	89,371	176,973
Group	8,750	8,750	2,752	5,504	3,912	16,663	15,414	30,917
TOTAL	65,665	65,665	18,072	36,144	30,479	125,603	114,216	227,412
Registrant or Spouse Age 65 or Older	83,752	83,752	61,729	123,458	3,788	12,658	149,269	219,868
Widows' Pension	2,918	2,918	293	586	111	381	3,322	3,885
Social Allowance Recipients*	24,954	24,954	10,154	20,308	18,782	74,002	53,890	119,264
TOTALS:								
Individual	198,288	198,288	58,582	117,164	121,350	488,758	378,220	804,210
Group	164,523	164,523	107,229	214,458	220,484	873,482	492,236	1,252,463
Registrant or Spouse Age 65 or Older	83,752	83,752	61,729	123,458	3,788	12,658	149,269	219,868
Widows' Pension	2,918	2,918	293	586	111	381	3,322	3,885
Social Allowance Recipients*	24,954	24,954	10,154	20,308	18,782	74,002	53,890	119,264
TOTAL	474,435	474,435	237,987	475,974	364,515	1,449,281	1,076,937	2,399,690

* Also includes inmates of Provincial Correction Centres and their spouses and dependants, who were exempted from payment of premiums for Basic Health Services.

NOTES:

A. The coverage data reported are the actual registrations on the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan files. These exceed the Statistics Canada provincial population estimates. The differences are accounted for by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan files being kept current by the continual processing of additions and deletions of persons, by persons being temporarily outside the province for educational purposes and by registrants who have left the province but retain coverage for a period of three months.

B. The coverage figures do not include members of the Armed Forces and R.C.M.P., and inmates of Federal Penitentiaries.

C. Where either the registrant or registrant's spouse was age 65 years or older, exemption from payment of premium for Basic Health Services and Alberta Blue Cross was granted.

D. The Alberta Widows' Pension Program was introduced on May 1, 1983 to assist widows and widowers of limited income who were age 55 and older but under age 65, by providing financial, housing and health care benefits similar to those received by Alberta senior citizens. Under the health care benefits portion of the Program, eligible persons and their dependants receive premium-free coverage under the Basic Health Services Program, Extended Health Benefits Program and Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership.

BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

TABLE 6

Persons Covered by Age and Sex at March 31

Age	Male 1983	Male 1984	Male 1985	Percentage Change 1984/1983	Percentage Change 1985/1984	Female 1983	Female 1984	Female 1985	Percentage Change 1984/1983	Percentage Change 1985/1984	Total 1983	Total 1984	Total 1985	Percentage Change 1984/1983	Percentage Change 1985/1984
Under 1	23,386	23,092	22,027	-1.26%	-4.61%	22,206	21,865	21,105	-1.54%	-3.48%	45,592	44,957	43,132	-1.39%	-4.06%
1 - 4	87,250	87,331	86,634	0.09%	-0.57%	82,430	82,807	82,469	0.46%	-0.41%	169,680	170,138	169,303	0.27%	-0.49%
5 - 14	195,487	193,116	189,489	-1.21%	-1.88%	185,494	182,924	179,112	-1.39%	-2.08%	380,981	376,040	368,601	-1.30%	-1.98%
15 - 24	251,475	232,229	214,250	-7.65%	-7.74%	246,087	230,704	217,151	-6.25%	-5.87%	497,562	462,933	431,401	-6.96%	-6.81%
25 - 44	422,553	424,219	413,974	0.39%	-2.42%	386,855	394,013	396,795	1.85%	0.71%	809,408	818,232	810,769	1.09%	-0.91%
45 - 64	193,847	196,128	196,197	1.18%	0.04%	187,215	189,783	191,051	1.37%	0.67%	381,062	385,911	387,248	1.27%	0.35%
65 & Older	81,068	83,005	84,050	2.39%	1.26%	98,900	102,726	105,186	3.87%	2.39%	179,968	185,732	189,236	3.20%	1.89%
TOTAL	1,255,066	1,239,121	1,206,821	-1.27%	-2.61%	1,209,187	1,204,822	1,192,869	-0.36%	-0.99%	2,464,253	2,443,943	2,399,690	-0.82%	-1.81%

NOTES: A. The coverage data reported are the actual registrations on the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan files. These exceed the Statistics Canada provincial population estimates. The differences are accounted for by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan files being kept current by the continual processing of additions and deletions of persons, by persons being temporarily outside the province for educational purposes and by registrants who have left the province but retain coverage for a period of three months.

B. The coverage figures do not include members of the Armed Forces and R.C.M.P., and inmates of Federal Penitentiaries

ALBERTA BLUE CROSS NON-GROUP MEMBERSHIP
Registrations and Persons Covered by Level of Premium Payment
at March 31

TABLE 7

		Regular Premium Rates			Reduced Premium Rates			Registrant or Spouse Age 65 or Older			Widows' Pension			Total		
		1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
One Person	Registrations	27,104	21,808	**19,681**	6,748	8,793	**9,902**	79,944	82,359	**83,752**	—	2,343	**2,918**	113,796	115,303	**116,253**
	Persons	27,104	21,808	**19,681**	6,748	8,793	**9,902**	79,944	82,359	**83,752**	—	2,343	**2,918**	113,796	115,303	**116,253**
Two Persons	Registrations	16,409	14,246	**13,986**	2,666	4,422	**5,222**	58,283	60,191	**61,642**	—	225	**375**	77,358	79,084	**81,225**
	Persons	32,818	28,492	**27,972**	5,332	8,844	**10,444**	116,566	120,382	**123,284**	—	450	**750**	154,716	158,168	**162,480**
Three or More Persons	Registrations	34,198	28,777	**26,671**	4,084	7,683	**8,983**	3,926	3,925	**3,875**	—	81	**29**	42,208	40,466	**39,558**
	Persons	138,620	116,730	**107,687**	17,430	32,167	**37,522**	13,119	13,165	**12,832**	—	282	**217**	169,169	162,344	**158,258**
TOTAL	Registrations	77,711	64,831	**60,336**	13,498	20,898	**24,107**	142,153	146,475	**149,269**	—	2,649	**3,322**	233,362	234,853	**237,036**
	Persons	198,542	167,030	**155,340**	29,510	49,804	**57,868**	209,629	215,906	**219,868**	—	3,075	**3,885**	437,681	435,815	**439,991**

NOTES:

A. Where either the registrant or registrant's spouse was age 65 years or older, exemption from payment of premium for Basic Health Services and Alberta Blue Cross was granted.

B. The premium payment levels indicated are those charged to registrants by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.

C. Those who were eligible for Basic Health Services at the 100 percent subsidy level were also eligible for Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group coverage at reduced premium rates, but were not exempted from payment of the premium.

D. The Alberta Widows' Pension Program was introduced on May 1, 1983 to assist widows and widowers of limited income who were age 55 and older but under age 65, by providing financial, housing and health care benefits similar to those received by Alberta senior citizens. Under the health care benefits portion of the Program, eligible persons and their dependants receive premium-free coverage under the Basic Health Services Program, Extended Health Benefits Program and Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership.

ALBERTA BLUE CROSS NON-GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Persons Covered by Age and Sex
at March 31

TABLE 8

Age	Male			Female			Total		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
Under 1	2,248	1,981	**1,771**	2,100	1,860	**1,831**	4,348	3,841	**3,602**
1 - 4	8,469	7,913	**7,546**	7,787	7,251	**6,870**	16,256	15,164	**14,416**
5 - 14	19,882	18,871	**18,283**	18,914	17,736	**17,095**	38,796	36,607	**35,378**
15 - 24	22,795	21,611	**20,765**	22,367	21,283	**20,720**	45,162	42,894	**41,485**
25 - 44	32,729	30,550	**29,446**	34,542	32,759	**32,023**	67,271	63,309	**61,469**
45 - 64	33,379	34,090	**35,363**	53,316	54,941	**56,325**	86,695	89,031	**91,688**
65 & Older*	80,526	82,518	**83,750**	98,627	102,451	**105,173**	179,153	184,969	**188,923**
TOTAL	200,028	197,534	**196,924**	237,653	238,281	**240,037**	437,681	435,815	**436,961**

* The number of persons in this age group differs from the number of persons shown in Table 6 as only those registrations where the age of the person 65 years or older has been verified are provided with premium exempt Alberta Blue Cross coverage.

DISTRIBUTION OF PAYMENTS FOR BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

For the years ended March 31

TABLE 9

	Total			Practitioners			Registrants		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
Medical*	$432,818,810	$485,066,660	**$507,052,843**	$430,648,581	$483,016,761	**$505,331,614**	$2,170,229	$2,049,899	**$1,721,229**
Oral Surgery	6,424,644	8,772,719	**10,476,518**	6,255,179	8,639,770	**10,309,786**	169,465	132,949	**166,732**
Chiropractic	18,846,241	20,083,336	**20,959,928**	18,733,056	19,968,484	**20,835,787**	113,185	114,852	**124,139**
Optometry	7,556,805	8,121,928	**8,864,521**	7,297,599	7,881,355	**8,614,321**	259,206	240,573	**240,200**
Podiatry	2,316,356	2,674,850	**2,913,122**	2,311,400	2,669,711	**2,907,309**	4,956	5,139	**5,813**
Physiotherapy	6,333,150	9,072,430	**12,091,004**	6,320,189	9,058,570	**12,077,094**	12,961	13,860	**13,910**
TOTAL	$474,296,006	$533,791,923	**$562,347,934**	$471,566,004	$531,234,651	**$560,075,911**	$2,730,002	$2,557,272	**$2,272,023**

* The amount paid to medical practitioners includes payments, as indicated for each year ended March 31, for medical services to Provincial and Federal Departments and Agencies in respect of doctors on salary, sessional and contract arrangements. The amount paid also includes sessional payments to groups of medical practitioners on a contract basis:

1983 $1,829,356
1984 $2,485,178
1985 $3,054,524

NOTE: The data relating to expenditures for health services are tabulated and reported on a date-of-payment basis. Included are payments for Basic Health Services provided in and outside of Alberta.

TOTAL AND AVERAGE GROSS PAYMENTS TO PRACTITIONERS
For the years ended March 31

TABLE 10

	Number of Practitioners			Percentage Change		Total Paid			Percentage Change		Average Payments			Percentage Change	
	1983	1984	1985	1984/1983	1985/1984	1983	1984	1985	1984/1983	1985/1984	1983	1984	1985	1984/1983	1985/1984
Medical	3,071	3,233	**3,353**	5.28%	**3.71%**	$425,200,258	$475,692,048	**$496,274,728**	11.87%	**4.33%**	$138,457	$147,136	**$148,009**	6.27%	**0.59%**
Oral Surgery	750	848	**894**	13.07%	**5.42%**	6,413,928	8,753,389	**10,457,457**	36.47%	**19.47%**	8,552	10,322	**11,697**	20.70%	**13.32%**
Chiropractic	297	300	**308**	1.01%	**2.67%**	18,755,161	19,975,293	**20,847,743**	6.51%	**4.37%**	63,149	66,584	**67,687**	5.44%	**1.66%**
Optometry	193	197	**202**	2.07%	**2.54%**	7,530,765	8,090,622	**8,825,467**	7.43%	**9.08%**	39,020	41,069	**43,690**	5.25%	**6.38%**
Podiatry	17	19	**18**	11.76%	**-5.26%**	2,310,594	2,667,118	**2,906,219**	15.43%	**8.96%**	135,917	140,375	**161,457**	3.28%	**15.02%**
Physiotherapy	161	215	**258**	33.54%	**20.00%**	6,311,398	9,038,683	**12,048,893**	43.21%	**33.30%**	39,201	42,040	**46,701**	7.24%	**11.09%**
TOTAL	4,489	4,812	**5,033**	7.20%	**4.59%**	$466,522,104	$524,217,153	**$551,360,507**	12.37%	**5.18%**					

NOTES: A. The data relating to expenditures for health services are tabulated and reported on a date-of-payment basis.

B. Payments to practitioners represent gross payments made by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and represent neither the total income nor the net income of a practitioner.

C. Payments include only fee-for-service payments to practitioners in Alberta for Basic Health Services.

DISTRIBUTION OF GROSS PAYMENTS BY PAYMENT RANGE TO ALL PRACTITIONERS

For the years ended March 31

TABLE 11

$ Range	Total			Medical			Oral Surgery			Chiropractic			Optometry			Podiatry			Physiotherapy		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
Less than 10,000	945	994	**974**	267	281	**274**	610	641	**636**	23	22	**17**	14	17	**13**	1	1		30	32	**34**
10,000 – 19,999	275	310	**353**	142	148	**161**	70	106	**133**	18	14	**17**	21	19	**16**	2		**1**	22	23	**25**
20,000 – 39,999	430	458	**500**	215	213	**229**	42	58	**74**	53	49	**55**	81	76	**80**		2		39	60	**62**
40,000 – 59,999	370	397	**411**	207	204	**205**	10	16	**20**	64	68	**64**	51	55	**59**	1	1	**1**	37	53	**62**
60,000 – 79,999	309	314	**353**	220	216	**231**	5	7	**11**	50	50	**52**	15	15	**17**		1		19	25	**42**
80,000 – 99,999	295	322	**366**	241	252	**284**	4	6	**7**	38	44	**45**	6	8	**11**	2	2	**3**	4	10	**16**
100,000 – 119,999	339	340	**346**	295	295	**306**	3	5	**2**	31	28	**26**	1	4	**2**	1	3	**2**	8	5	**8**
120,000 – 139,999	337	338	**361**	325	321	**332**	1	4	**4**	8	10	**17**	2	1	**2**	1		**1**		2	**5**
140,000 – 159,999	322	296	**336**	312	286	**324**			**1**	5	6	**7**	1	1		2	1	**1**	2	2	**3**
160,000 – 179,999	236	265	**236**	226	259	**229**	2			5	3	**5**	1			2	2	**1**		1	**1**
180,000 – 199,999	175	226	**216**	173	217	**210**		1	**1**	1	4	**1**		1	**1**	1	1	**3**		2	
200,000 – 299,999	358	424	**458**	353	415	**448**	2	4	**4**		1	**1**			**1**	3	4	**4**			
300,000 – 399,999	58	80	**78**	56	80	**77**	1		**1**							1					
400,000 – 499,999	14	18	**16**	14	17	**15**											1	**1**			
500,000 – 599,999	8	7	**7**	7	6	**6**				1	1	**1**									
600,000 – 699,999	2	4		2	4																
700,000 – 799,999	1	3	**3**	1	3	**3**															
800,000 and Over	15	16	**19**	15	16	**19**															
TOTAL	4,489	4,812	**5,033**	3,071	3,233	**3,353**	750	848	**894**	297	300	**308**	193	197	**202**	17	19	**18**	161	215	**258**

NOTES: A. The data relating to expenditures for health services are tabulated and reported on a date-of-payment basis.

B. Payments to practitioners represent gross payments made by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and represent neither the total income nor the net income of a practitioner.

C. Payments include only fee-for-service payments to practitioners in Alberta for Basic Health Services.

AVERAGE AND MEDIAN GROSS PAYMENTS BY SPECIALTY TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

For the years ended March 31

TABLE 12

	Number of Practitioners			Average Payments			Percentage Change		Median Payments			Percentage Change	
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1984/1983	1985/1984	1983	1984	1985	1984/1983	1985/1984
TOTAL	3,071	3,233	3,363	$ 138,457	$ 147,136	$ 148,009	6.27%	0.59%	$116,351	$120,532	$119,175	3.59%	-1.13%
General Practitioners	1,749	1,834	1,921	112,055	117,299	115,881	4.68%	-1.21%	112,017	116,658	114,108	4.14%	-2.18%
Total Specialists	1,322	1,399	1,432	173,386	186,251	191,108	7.42%	2.61%	122,386	127,015	126,365	3.78%	-0.50%
Laboratory Specialists	147	163	166	543,977	568,604	607,401	4.53%	6.82%	70,156	76,473	69,033	9.00%	-9.73%
Other Specialists	1,175	1,236	1,266	127,022	135,828	136,523	6.93%	0.51%	124,522	129,461	130,192	3.97%	0.56%
SPECIALISTS BY SPECIALTY													
Anaesthetists	148	152	156	$ 95,844	$ 103,978	$ 103,620	8.49%	-0.34%	$107,705	$116,544	$117,172	8.21%	0.54%
Dermatologists	19	19	21	247,310	309,724	293,705	25.24%	-5.17%	237,587	290,429	290,733	22.24%	0.10%
General Surgeons	153	159	155	137,936	146,924	150,294	6.52%	2.29%	139,537	147,068	148,767	5.40%	1.16%
Urologists	33	33	35	156,482	171,665	170,557	9.70%	-0.65%	167,937	181,466	181,776	8.06%	0.17%
Internists	247	267	273	112,864	120,964	121,966	7.18%	0.83%	102,795	104,925	106,977	2.07%	1.96%
Neurologists	20	22	25	112,468	119,124	117,451	5.92%	-1.40%	102,133	102,956	94,118	0.81%	-8.58%
Neurological Surgeons	12	13	13	127,928	153,289	170,211	19.82%	11.04%	141,614	172,377	186,513	21.72%	8.20%
Obstetricians-Gynaecologists	117	120	120	154,557	166,583	161,310	7.78%	-3.17%	150,191	165,755	158,963	10.36%	-4.10%
Ophthalmologists	61	62	62	181,763	196,530	211,071	8.12%	7.40%	146,517	165,396	171,569	12.89%	3.73%
Rhino-Otolaryngologists	28	29	30	196,670	211,236	217,204	7.41%	2.83%	204,535	205,676	235,612	0.56%	14.55%
Orthopaedic Surgeons	64	71	71	153,054	150,630	155,645	1.58%	3.33%	155,156	167,208	163,525	7.77%	-2.20%
Paediatricians	115	124	131	97,101	102,187	97,592	5.24%	-4.50%	82,032	82,169	84,227	0.17%	2.50%
Psychiatrists	114	120	122	88,604	90,826	98,729	2.51%	8.70%	88,873	91,931	100,363	3.44%	9.17%
Plastic Surgeons	24	25	28	168,023	186,136	184,068	10.78%	-1.11%	152,855	189,388	194,650	23.90%	2.78%
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	8	8	9	61,477	66,793	69,133	8.65%	3.50%	59,905	58,829	56,302	1.80%	-4.30%
Thoracic Surgeons	12	12	15	181,066	208,619	145,253	15.22%	-30.37%	203,215	207,642	121,930	2.18%	-41.28%
Laboratory/Pathologists	37	39	37	1,538,006	1,726,039	1,983,183	12.23%	14.90%	104,524	109,421	123,195	4.69%	12.59%
Laboratory/Radiologists	103	117	121	219,526	212,745	222,549	3.09%	4.61%	85,153	76,473	66,835	10.19%	-12.60%
Laboratory/Others	7	7	8	63,883	67,970	65,307	6.40%	-3.92%	61,168	56,851	48,738	7.06%	-14.27%

NOTES:

A. The data relating to expenditures for health services are tabulated and reported on a date-of-payment basis.

B. The specialty distribution of medical practitioners is based on their specialty as at the end of the fiscal year.

C. Average payment is the arithmetic mean payment. Median payment is the middle payment when all payments are arranged according to size.

D. Payments to practitioners represent gross payments made by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and represent neither the total income nor the net income of a practitioner.

E. Payments include only fee-for-service payments to practitioners in Alberta.

DISTRIBUTION OF GROSS PAYMENTS BY SPECIALTY TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

For the year ended March 31, 1985

TABLE 13

$ Range	All Practitioners		General Practitioners		All Specialists		Anaesthetists		Dermatologists		General Surgeons	
	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners
Less than 10,000	$ 954,551	274	$ 562,793	166	$ 391,758	108	$ 30,414	10	$		$ 15,777	7
10,000 – 19,999	2,397,628	161	1,429,833	98	967,795	63	67,098	5	17,267	1	53,538	3
20,000 – 39,999	6,682,664	229	3,381,621	117	3,301,043	112	365,987	12	39,395	1	237,020	8
40,000 – 59,999	10,208,687	205	5,401,688	110	4,806,999	95	341,584	7			444,215	9
60,000 – 79,999	16,277,057	231	9,721,664	138	6,555,393	93	763,582	11			746,841	10
80,000 – 99,999	25,684,193	284	15,884,293	175	9,799,900	109	1,343,470	15			539,773	6
100,000 – 119,999	33,660,001	306	23,529,032	214	10,130,969	92	2,621,097	23			1,190,692	11
120,000 – 139,999	43,208,876	332	25,022,010	192	18,186,866	140	5,033,319	39			1,960,228	15
140,000 – 159,999	48,581,931	324	31,194,672	208	17,387,259	116	2,717,624	18			2,669,217	18
160,000 – 179,999	38,780,689	229	26,398,121	156	12,382,568	73	1,695,378	10			1,148,179	7
180,000 – 199,999	39,780,313	210	20,667,973	109	19,112,340	101	574,773	3	187,425	1	3,223,438	17
200,000 – 299,999	106,386,121	448	48,831,592	208	57,554,529	240	610,349	3	2,306,466	9	6,998,347	38
300,000 – 399,999	26,073,753	77	8,311,321	25	17,762,432	52			2,050,103	6	2,068,273	6
400,000 – 499,999	6,717,951	15	2,271,453	5	4,446,498	10			859,232	2		
500,000 – 599,999	3,207,802	6			3,207,802	6						
600,000 – 699,999												
700,000 – 799,999	2,173,290	3			2,173,290	3			707,914	1		
800,000 and Over	85,499,221	19			85,499,221	19						
TOTAL	$496,274,726	3,353	$222,608,066	1,921	$273,666,662	1,432	$16,164,675	156	$6,167,802	21	$23,295,538	155

TABLE 13 Continued

$ Range	Urologists		Internists		Neurologists		Neurological Surgeons		Obstetricians-Gynaecologists		Ophthalmologists	
	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners
Less than 10,000	$ 2,915	1	$ 83,577	21	$		$		$ 15,790	4	$ 34	2
10,000 – 19,999	19,226	1	189,896	12	17,412	1	12,335	1	53,763	4		
20,000 – 39,999			952,018	32	60,206	2	28,111	1	114,165	4	123,283	4
40,000 – 59,999			964,694	19	101,418	2			311,716	6	103,677	2
60,000 – 79,999	68,820	1	1,488,719	21	207,031	3			559,015	8	153,556	2
80,000 – 99,999	183,248	2	2,409,318	27	441,441	5	92,964	1	626,698	7	265,003	3
100,000 – 119,999	337,681	3	1,554,996	14	111,960	1			445,075	4	536,192	5
120,000 – 139,999	279,352	2	2,831,272	22	123,126	1	133,959	1	1,702,459	13	526,149	4
140,000 – 159,999	742,404	5	2,991,124	20	300,279	2			1,506,313	10	1,212,093	8
160,000 – 179,999	345,366	2	1,699,783	10	497,908	3	342,208	2	2,053,500	12	343,137	2
180,000 – 199,999	1,485,106	8	3,029,203	16	377,774	2	384,735	2	2,844,082	15	584,484	3
200,000 – 299,999	2,111,570	9	12,327,221	51	697,714	3	1,218,426	5	5,722,087	24	3,942,421	16
300,000 – 399,999	393,796	1	2,277,374	7					2,028,920	6	1,754,173	5
400,000 – 499,999			497,465	1					846,543	2	1,353,217	3
500,000 – 599,999									527,134	1	1,063,696	2
600,000 – 699,999												
700,000 – 799,999											1,125,267	1
800,000 and Over												
TOTAL	$5,969,484	35	$33,296,660	273	$2,936,269	25	$2,212,738	13	$19,357,260	120	$13,086,382	62

TABLE 13 Continued

$ Range	Rhino-Otolaryngologists		Orthopaedic Surgeons		Paediatricians		Psychiatrists		Plastic Surgeons		Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	
	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners
Less than 10,000	$		$ 8,837	2	$ 84,728	20	$ 54,784	11	$ 4	1	$	
10,000 – 19,999			18,393	1	154,393	10	163,458	10	14,568	1		
20,000 – 39,999	52,703	2	76,089	3	327,330	11	270,015	10	30,364	1	35,044	1
40,000 – 59,999			59,414	1	843,344	17	462,632	9	57,155	1	216,587	4
60,000 – 79,999	67,698	1	423,127	6	289,702	4	614,973	9	132,353	2	142,418	2
80,000 – 99,999			358,457	4	1,377,309	15	994,564	11			91,919	1
100,000 – 119,999	101,585	1	102,238	1	1,097,116	10	1,408,865	13				
120,000 – 139,999	136,645	1	910,617	7	1,056,309	8	2,071,866	16	139,350	1	136,225	1
140,000 – 159,999	142,325	1	1,352,692	9	725,639	5	2,280,931	15	606,183	4		
160,000 – 179,999	510,671	3	1,714,078	10	858,776	5	500,452	3	322,174	2		
180,000 – 199,999	742,057	4	1,493,721	8	1,695,359	9	1,531,730	8	186,490	1		
200,000 – 299,999	3,368,831	13	3,840,152	17	3,278,294	14	1,357,961	6	2,950,726	12		
300,000 – 399,999	1,393,596	4	692,985	2	996,251	3	332,675	1	714,541	2		
400,000 – 499,999												
500,000 – 599,999												
600,000 – 699,999												
700,000 – 799,999												
800,000 and Over												
TOTAL	$6,516,111	30	$11,050,800	71	$12,784,550	131	$12,044,906	122	$5,153,908	28	$622,193	9

$ Range	Thoracic Surgeons		Laboratory/Pathologists		Laboratory/Radiologists		Laboratory/Others	
	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners
Less than 10,000	$ 9,304	2	$ 26,175	9	$ 59,419	18	$	
10,000 - 19,999			41,357	3	145,091	10		
20,000 - 39,999	22,891	1	56,451	2	440,071	15	69,900	2
40,000 - 59,999	59,434	1	104,538	2	596,925	12	139,666	3
60,000 - 79,999	76,694	1			820,864	12		
80,000 - 99,999	187,547	2	86,756	1	625,210	7	176,223	2
100,000 - 119,999					623,472	6		
120,000 - 139,999	121,930	1	375,424	3	511,966	4	136,670	1
140,000 - 159,999					140,435	1		
160,000 - 179,999					350,958	2		
180,000 - 199,999	198,057	1			573,906	3		
200,000 - 299,999	1,166,152	5	926,876	4	2,730,936	11		
300,000 - 399,999	336,784	1	352,006	1	2,370,955	7		
400,000 - 499,999			455,465	1	434,576	1		
500,000 - 599,999					1,616,972	3		
600,000 - 699,999								
700,000 - 799,999					1,465,376	2		
800,000 and Over			70,952,715	11	13,421,239	7		
TOTAL	$2,178,793	15	$73,377,763	37	$26,928,371	121	$522,459	8

NOTES:
A. The data relating to expenditures for health services are tabulated and reported on a date-of-payment basis.

B. The specialty distribution of medical practitioners is based on their specialty as at the end of the fiscal year.

C. Payments to practitioners represent gross payments made by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and represent neither the total income nor the net income of a practitioner.

D. Payments include only fee-for-service payments to practitioners in Alberta.

DISTRIBUTION OF GROSS AVERAGE PAYMENTS TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS ACCORDING TO GROUP OF SPECIALTIES BY DOLLAR RANGE AND ALBERTA PRACTICE YEAR

TABLE 14

For the year ended March 31, 1985

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

Years in Alberta / $ Range	Less Than 1		1 - 5		6 - 10		11 - 20		21 and Over		Total	
	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments
Less than 10,000	40	$ 4,315	72	$ 2,943	12	$ 2,382	8	$ 3,710	34	$ 3,531	166	$ 3,390
10,000 – 19,999	27	14,445	43	14,918	8	14,343	12	14,067	8	14,352	98	14,590
20,000 – 39,999	24	27,502	44	29,647	12	26,652	13	27,290	24	30,938	117	28,903
40,000 – 59,999	19	48,845	34	48,967	15	50,333	17	50,256	25	47,976	110	49,106
60,000 – 79,999	22	71,512	45	70,472	11	69,051	29	69,337	31	71,188	138	70,447
80,000 – 99,999	13	88,806	59	90,449	34	91,363	41	91,780	28	90,143	175	90,767
100,000 – 119,999	2	107,662	70	110,788	42	109,962	66	109,110	34	109,968	214	109,949
120,000 – 139,999	1	122,377	69	130,350	41	129,758	44	131,220	37	130,046	192	130,323
140,000 – 159,999			64	149,700	52	150,523	62	150,495	30	148,532	208	149,974
160,000 – 179,999			45	169,633	38	169,185	48	169,210	25	168,541	156	169,219
180,000 – 199,999			29	188,631	32	190,477	34	189,838	14	189,136	109	189,614
200,000 – 299,999			37	226,125	65	241,721	77	232,922	29	235,108	208	234,767
300,000 – 399,999			7	324,393	4	335,062	12	336,910	2	328,701	25	332,453
400,000 – 499,999			1	465,004	2	449,782	1	422,316	1	484,570	5	454,291
500,000 – 599,999												
600,000 – 699,999												
700,000 – 799,999												
800,000 and Over												
TOTAL	148	$ 35,244	619	$101,562	368	$144,907	464	$143,241	322	$107,875	1,921	$115,881

MEDICAL SPECIALISTS

TABLE 14 Continued

Years in Alberta / $ Range	Less Than 1		1 - 5		6 - 10		11 - 20		21 and Over		Total	
	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments
Less than 10,000	9	$ 4,552	25	$ 3,835	9	$ 5,280	9	$ 3,312	10	$ 3,934	62	$ 4,089
10,000 – 19,999	3	17,665	15	15,386	7	16,338	6	12,526	8	17,027	39	15,629
20,000 – 39,999	10	31,160	32	29,133	11	28,933	10	29,941	6	31,412	69	29,710
40,000 – 59,999	2	51,735	22	49,007	11	51,795	10	50,911	13	51,522	58	50,522
60,000 – 79,999	2	69,812	19	69,903	10	69,022	9	72,272	10	69,797	50	70,129
80,000 – 99,999	2	93,990	20	88,774	14	90,557	14	88,302	24	91,273	74	89,973
100,000 – 119,999			11	112,351	13	109,423	21	111,723	16	111,843	61	111,378
120,000 – 139,999			22	130,237	10	128,626	28	129,526	27	128,663	87	129,335
140,000 – 159,999			15	151,052	19	151,011	21	149,512	5	148,168	60	150,260
160,000 – 179,999			11	169,290	5	172,788	6	167,239	9	169,192	31	169,429
180,000 – 199,999			4	192,668	8	186,130	12	189,676	15	190,697	39	189,648
200,000 – 299,999			22	235,898	17	235,430	27	238,641	20	247,133	86	239,279
300,000 – 399,999			1	352,419	6	344,112	7	332,177	3	304,693	17	332,730
400,000 – 499,999					2	457,692	1	441,313			3	452,232
500,000 – 599,999												
600,000 – 699,999							1	707,914			1	707,914
700,000 – 799,999												
800,000 and Over												
TOTAL	28	$ 29,880	219	$ 91,245	142	$126,206	182	$137,968	166	$121,485	737	$113,999

SURGICAL SPECIALISTS

TABLE 14 Continued

Years in Alberta / $ Range	Less Than 1		1 - 5		6 - 10		11 - 20		21 and Over		Total	
	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments
Less than 10,000	2	$ 6,550	4	$ 3,189	3	$ 4,377	2	$ 1,460	8	$ 1,345	19	$ 2,772
10,000 – 19,999	1	12,335	4	16,851			1	14,669	5	15,483	11	15,620
20,000 – 39,999	1	30,364	5	26,203	1	24,182	3	29,559	14	29,313	24	28,526
40,000 – 59,999	2	56,462	2	58,929	3	48,933	7	49,689	6	51,702	20	51,781
60,000 – 79,999	1	71,511	10	72,324	3	71,528	6	73,171	11	70,886	31	71,874
80,000 – 99,999	2	90,434	2	90,673	3	98,457	8	88,298	10	88,973	25	90,148
100,000 – 119,999	1	103,831	4	107,031	2	109,892	4	109,677	14	108,787	25	108,539
120,000 – 139,999	1	139,206	2	137,197	3	131,093	15	132,518	24	129,835	45	131,349
140,000 – 159,999			6	150,555	5	152,503	23	148,858	21	149,603	55	149,659
160,000 – 179,999			2	177,904	9	167,635	15	169,026	14	169,957	40	169,483
180,000 – 199,999			8	186,087	13	189,859	24	189,557	14	188,282	59	188,850
200,000 – 299,999			26	241,054	21	242,907	57	238,755	35	238,320	139	239,703
300,000 – 399,999			1	378,083	2	323,704	16	342,319	8	360,060	27	347,521
400,000 – 499,999			1	452,054			3	434,796	1	443,319	5	439,952
500,000 – 599,999							3	530,277			3	530,277
600,000 – 699,999												
700,000 – 799,999											1	1,125,267
800,000 and Over							1	1,125,267				
TOTAL	11	$ 60,376	77	$153,007	68	$173,456	188	$ 200,219	185	$145,618	529	$ 167,904

NOTE: The number of years in Alberta is obtained from the "List of Members of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta". The date of registration with the College of Physicians and Surgeons is used as the beginning date of practice in Alberta.

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL PAYMENTS BY TYPE OF SERVICE AND SPECIALTY

For the year ended March 31, 1985

TABLE 15

	Consul-tations	Visits			Major Surgery	Minor Surgery	Surgical Assists	Obstetrical Services	Anaes-thesia	Radiology Services	Pathology Services	Other Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services	Total
		Office	Hospital	Special									
All Practitioners	8.24%	40.93%	7.09%	1.03%	8.08%	1.74%	0.55%	2.90%	4.12%	4.39%	15.40%	5.53%	100.00%
General Practitioners	0.29	32.34	5.17	0.94	0.60	1.16	0.45	1.49	0.87	0.33	0.38	0.86	44.88
Anaesthetists	0.01	0.01			0.01				3.21			0.02	3.26
Dermatologists	0.38	0.49			0.01	0.12			0.03		0.04	0.17	1.24
General Surgeons	0.64	0.96	0.25	0.03	2.30	0.14	0.05	0.01		0.03	0.01	0.29	4.71
Urologists	0.27	0.08	0.03		0.50	0.02	0.01				0.01	0.27	1.19
Internists	2.92	1.16	0.93	0.03	0.11	0.01			0.01	0.04	0.13	1.40	6.74
Neurologists	0.45	0.03	0.04		0.02						0.02	0.03	0.59
Neurological Surgeons	0.06	0.01	0.03		0.34								0.44
Obstetricians-Gynaecologists	0.48	0.82	0.08	0.01	0.68	0.05	0.01	1.40			0.07	0.36	3.96
Ophthalmologists	0.43	1.16	0.01		0.80	0.03						0.19	2.62
Rhino-Otolaryngologists	0.40	0.19	0.01		0.39	0.13				0.01		0.19	1.32
Orthopaedic Surgeons	0.52	0.26	0.05		1.26	0.02	0.02			0.04		0.06	2.23
Paediatricians	0.86	1.16	0.40	0.02		0.01				0.01	0.01	0.10	2.57
Psychiatrists	0.31	2.08	0.02									0.02	2.43
Plastic Surgeons	0.14	0.09	0.01		0.70	0.04						0.06	1.04
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	0.05	0.03	0.04									0.01	0.13
Thoracic Surgeons	0.03	0.01	0.01		0.36	0.01	0.01					0.01	0.44
Laboratory		0.05	0.01							3.93	14.73	1.49	20.21

NOTES: A. Only fee-for-service payments made to practitioners in Alberta are included.

B. Special visits include routine home visits, emergency home visits and other home visits.

MEDICAL SERVICES AND PAYMENTS PER 1,000 INSURED PERSONS ACCORDING TO TYPE OF SERVICE BY AGE AND SEX

For the year ended March 31, 1985

TABLE 16

Type of Service \ Age Group		Under 1		1 - 4		5 - 14		15 - 24		25 - 44		45 - 64		65 and Older		All Age Groups	
		Services	Amounts Paid	Services	Amounts Paid	Services	Amounts Paid	Services	Amounts Paid	Services	Amounts Paid	Services	Amounts Paid	Services	Amounts Paid	Services	Amounts Paid
Consultations	M	595	$ 40,940	234	$ 13,342	160	$ 8,859	159	$ 8,167	207	$ 11,090	403	$ 23,429	701	$ 42,191	266	$ 15,100
	F	477	33,070	187	10,601	155	8,192	306	15,891	387	20,241	453	25,271	613	36,341	356	19,426
Office Visits	M	9,138	190,010	4,836	101,641	2,660	57,301	2,558	53,766	2,771	59,491	3,763	77,341	5,285	107,283	3,317	69,776
	F	8,307	173,096	4,446	93,595	2,758	58,449	5,083	109,566	5,142	111,911	5,196	109,979	5,519	112,277	4,823	102,996
Hospital Visits	M	3,977	75,941	670	16,227	245	6,691	271	7,336	303	6,580	1,019	16,204	4,634	65,057	800	14,329
	F	3,115	63,223	542	13,302	223	6,056	446	10,651	435	9,212	919	14,757	4,251	58,829	874	15,502
Special Visits	M	91	2,771	53	1,639	33	975	31	870	27	785	56	1,517	554	11,943	73	1,824
	F	74	2,325	46	1,396	30	881	31	861	32	966	62	1,752	780	16,678	104	2,499
Major Surgery	M	49	16,406	39	7,203	39	6,813	55	10,720	70	11,764	94	25,628	160	55,698	70	15,872
	F	24	8,742	25	4,223	31	5,274	55	11,383	94	19,619	108	26,756	134	44,952	77	18,086
Minor Surgery	M	333	13,442	138	6,281	120	4,947	160	5,565	108	3,769	95	3,464	95	3,844	122	4,586
	F	18	1,303	82	4,253	85	3,194	126	3,588	118	3,297	102	3,090	85	2,866	105	3,294
Surgical Assists	M	22	708	8	337	9	385	14	615	16	622	52	1,539	91	2,768	25	863
	F	16	416	5	156	7	297	28	1,385	50	2,181	54	1,757	70	2,159	38	1,512
Obstetrical Services	M																
	F							96	24,828	81	23,095	--	44			44	12,209
Anaesthesia	M	190	7,830	115	5,948	75	4,033	118	5,612	112	5,187	221	10,369	389	19,901	146	7,051
	F	109	4,497	79	4,048	66	3,505	189	10,722	243	13,336	236	11,085	271	14,468	194	10,325
Radiology Services	M	131	3,012	106	2,261	168	3,710	255	6,446	304	8,583	462	13,781	458	13,799	293	8,090
	F	139	3,448	87	1,864	151	3,428	245	7,208	335	10,946	585	18,906	539	16,497	329	10,140
Pathology Services	M	1,619	18,155	1,256	14,166	1,017	10,962	1,199	13,024	1,667	18,701	2,875	30,469	4,283	41,621	1,830	19,651
	F	1,510	16,489	1,469	15,503	1,316	13,943	5,183	51,253	5,283	55,773	4,766	51,594	5,347	53,467	4,262	44,318
Other Diagnostic & Therapeutic Services	M	189	4,741	423	2,512	818	3,529	581	4,127	587	6,712	897	18,781	1,233	28,725	699	8,910
	F	138	3,769	309	2,167	651	3,208	966	14,283	1,038	17,962	1,118	19,082	1,085	21,196	917	14,198
TOTAL	M	16,334	$373,956	7,878	$171,557	5,344	$108,205	5,401	$116,248	6,172	$133,284	9,937	$222,522	17,883	$392,830	7,641	$166,052
	F	13,927	310,378	7,277	151,106	5,473	106,427	12,754	261,619	13,238	288,539	13,599	284,073	18,694	379,730	12,123	254,505

--: Non-zero value.

NOTES:

A. Included are medical services provided in and outside Alberta on a fee-for-service basis.

B. Special visits include routine home visits, emergency home visits and other home visits.

DISTRIBUTION OF DISCRETE MEDICAL PATIENTS BY AGE GROUP AND SEX
For the year ended March 31, 1985

TABLE 17

AGE GROUP	NUMBER OF PATIENTS		
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Under 1	18,098	17,144	35,242
1 – 4	84,820	79,457	164,277
5 – 14	152,888	144,694	297,582
15 – 24	167,536	215,364	382,900
25 – 44	315,236	380,007	695,243
45 – 64	154,494	169,035	323,529
65 & Older	78,951	97,740	176,691
TOTAL	972,023	1,103,441	2,075,464

NOTE: "Number of Discrete Patients" contains the actual count of patients receiving at least one medical service on a date-of-payment basis.

DISTRIBUTION OF DISCRETE PATIENTS BY PAYMENT RANGE FOR MEDICAL SERVICES
For the year ended March 31, 1985

TABLE 18

Payment Range	Number of Discrete Patients	% Distribution of Discrete Patients	% Distribution of Payments	% Distribution of Services
$ 0.01 – 10.00	7,856	0.38%	0.01%	0.04%
10.01 – 25.00	176,334	8.50%	0.69%	0.79%
25.01 – 50.00	251,283	12.11%	1.87%	2.01%
50.01 – 100.00	401,114	19.32%	5.84%	6.62%
100.01 – 200.00	483,331	23.29%	13.85%	16.19%
200.01 – 400.00	402,392	19.39%	22.53%	25.67%
400.01 – 600.00	163,509	7.88%	15.81%	15.97%
600.01 – 800.00	80,161	3.86%	10.95%	10.18%
800.01 – 1,000.00	42,518	2.05%	7.50%	6.49%
1,000.01 – 1,200.00	24,047	1.16%	5.21%	4.32%
1,200.01 – 1,400.00	13,832	0.66%	3.54%	2.92%
1,400.01 & Over	29,087	1.40%	12.20%	8.80%
TOTAL	2,075,464	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

NOTE: "Number of Discrete Patients" contains the actual count of patients receiving at least one medical service on a date-of-payment basis.

DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND AVERAGE PAYMENTS BY REGION

TABLE 19

For the year ended March 31, 1985

Region	Grand Total		General Practitioners		Specialists	
	Number of Practitioners	Average Payments	Number of Practitioners	Average Payments	Number of Practitioners	Average Payments
I. Calgary	1,133	$149,948	576	$111,782	557	$189,416
II. Edmonton	1,464	151,370	779	105,039	685	204,060
III. Lethbridge	224	133,711	146	133,527	78	134,057
IV. Medicine Hat	70	166,328	41	140,172	29	203,308
V. Peace River	245	141,522	212	142,258	33	136,789
VI. Red Deer	217	131,384	167	125,724	50	150,290
TOTAL	3,353	$148,009	1,921	$115,881	1,432	$191,108

NOTES: A. The data relating to expenditures for health services are tabulated and reported on a date-of-payment basis.

B. Payments to practitioners represent gross payments made by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and represent neither the total income nor the net income of a practitioner.

OUT-OF-PROVINCE BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

TABLE 20

Fee-For-Service Payments and Number of Services

For the years ended March 31

	Number of Services			Total Payments		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
Medical	227,773	241,403	270,488	$5,789,196	$6,889,434	$7,723,591
Oral Surgery	66	124	135	10,716	19,330	19,061
Chiropractic	8,610	9,637	9,811	91,080	108,043	112,183
Optometry	1,203	1,347	1,241	26,040	31,306	29,054
Podiatry	310	357	300	5,762	7,732	6,903
Physiotherapy	1,622	2,337	2,901	21,752	33,747	42,111
TOTAL	239,584	255,205	284,876	$5,944,546	$7,089,592	$7,932,903

OUT-OF-PROVINCE BASIC HEALTH SERVICES
Distribution of Fee-For-Service Payments
And Number of Services by Province
For the year ended March 31, 1985

TABLE 21

	Medical		Oral Surgery		Chiropractic		Optometry		Podiatry		Physiotherapy		Total	
	Number of Services	Payments	Number of Services	Payments	Number of Services	Payments	Number of Services	Payments	Number of Services	Payments	Number of Services	Payments	Number of Services	Payments
British Columbia	100,727	$2,674,057	87	$12,489	3,919	$ 44,844	564	$13,301	69	$1,536	2,059	$30,639	107,425	$2,776,866
Saskatchewan	54,214	1,202,286	5	380	741	8,485	232	5,486			34	447	55,226	1,217,084
Manitoba	12,059	276,443	2	421	418	4,720	57	1,335	2	40	15	272	12,553	283,231
Ontario	47,283	1,380,030	3	228	1,718	18,950	260	6,110	28	436	285	2,930	49,577	1,408,684
Quebec	3,747	91,991			97	1,089	30	638	3	62	16	237	3,893	94,017
New Brunswick	2,057	43,550			2	23	4	95					2,063	43,668
Nova Scotia	4,689	115,579			27	311	25	578			49	738	4,790	117,206
Prince Edward Island	830	14,397	2	1,831	4	54							836	16,282
Newfoundland	1,276	28,073			24	203	3	71					1,303	28,347
Northwest Territories and Yukon	2,499	64,449			30	341	1	24			3	56	2,533	64,870
United States	34,859	1,681,428	32	3,163	2,761	32,360	55	1,210	196	4,798	296	5,143	38,199	1,728,102
Rest of the World	6,248	151,308	4	549	70	803	10	206	2	31	144	1,649	6,478	154,546
TOTAL	270,488	$7,723,591	135	$19,061	9,811	$112,183	1,241	$29,054	300	$6,903	2,901	$42,111	284,876	$7,932,903

BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

TABLE 22

Fee-For-Service Payments and Services Per Registration and Patient
For the year ended March 31, 1985

	Total Payments	Number of Services	Cost Per Service	Number of Registrations	Cost Per Registration	Number of Services Per Registration	Number of Patients	Cost Per Patient	Number of Services Per Patient
Medical	$503,998,319	23,682,625	$ 21.28	1,012,039	$498.00	23	2,075,464	$242.84	11
Oral Surgery	10,476,518	50,921	205.74	26,545	394.67	2	27,331	383.32	2
Chiropractic	20,959,926	1,793,179	11.69	177,377	118.17	10	241,754	86.70	7
Optometry	8,854,521	372,896	23.75	275,656	32.12	1	361,845	24.47	1
Podiatry	2,913,122	126,303	23.06	36,777	79.21	3	39,370	73.99	3
Physiotherapy	12,091,004	2,177,878	5.56	79,245	152.57	27	84,400	143.26	26
All Benefits	$559,293,410	28,203,802	$ 19.83	1,031,915	$542.00	27	2,158,262	$259.14	13

NOTES: A. Included are Basic Health Services provided in and outside Alberta on a fee-for-service basis.

B. "Number of Registrations" and "Number of Patients" contain the actual count of discrete registrations and patients receiving services.

FEE-FOR-SERVICE MEDICAL PAYMENTS AND SERVICES PER REGISTRATION AND PATIENT

TABLE 23

For the years ended June 30, 1975 to 1977 and March 31, 1978 to 1985

Year	Total Payments	Number of Services	Cost Per Service	Number of Registrations	Cost Per Registration	Number of Services Per Registration†	Number of Patients	Cost Per Patient	Number of Services Per Patient†	Number of Registered Persons
1975*	$122,906,609	13,212,872	$ 9.30	663,633	$185.20	20	1,469,436	$ 83.64	9	1,867,162
1976*	141,416,209	13,741,946	10.29	702,742	201.23	20	1,534,948	92.13	9	1,920,360
1977*	165,036,450	14,623,689	11.29	749,692	220.14	20	1,612,614	102.34	9	1,996,128
1978**	173,996,750	14,597,722	11.92	778,028	223.64	19	1,647,493	105.61	9	2,034,392
1979**	197,169,182	15,616,628	12.63	818,295	240.95	19	1,708,975	115.37	9	2,100,646
1980**	224,610,032	16,769,735	13.39	866,299	259.28	19	1,784,045	125.90	9	2,186,456
1981**	271,030,697	18,079,618	14.99	928,883	291.78	19	1,879,463	144.21	10	2,306,428
1982**	334,760,085	19,037,222	17.58	977,637	342.42	19	1,943,145	172.28	10	2,423,043
1983**	430,989,454	21,270,872	20.26	1,017,777	423.46	21	2,041,349	211.13	10	2,464,253
1984**	482,581,482	22,602,206	21.35	1,013,924	475.95	22	2,065,094	233.68	11	2,443,943
1985**	503,998,319	23,682,625	21.28	1,012,039	498.00	23	2,075,464	242.84	11	2,399,690
Percentage Change 1985/1984 (%)	4.44	4.78	-0.33	-0.19	4.63	4.55	0.50	3.92	NIL	-1.81
Annual Average Percentage Change 1975-1985 (%)	15.57	6.17	8.86	4.42	10.68	1.44	3.61	11.55	2.08	2.61

* Year ended June 30.

** Year ended March 31.

† Rounded to the nearest whole number.

NOTES: A. Included are medical services provided in and outside Alberta on a fee-for-service basis.

B. Osteopathic services were classified as medical services effective October 10, 1973. They were included in medical services for the entire year ended June 30, 1974 and for all subsequent years.

C. "Number of Registrations" and "Number of Patients" contain the actual count of discrete registrations and patients receiving services.

EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS

TABLE 24

Fee-For-Service Payments and Services Per Registration and Patient
For the year ended March 31, 1985

	Total Payments	Number of Services	Cost Per Service	Number of Registrations	Cost Per Registration	Number of Services Per Registration	Number of Patients	Cost Per Patient	Number of Services Per Patient
Dentists	$15,549,873	393,259	$ 39.54	47,430	$327.85	8	58,012	$268.05	7
Denturists	5,488,409	42,772	128.32	14,898	368.40	3	16,173	339.36	3
Optometrists	2,156,425	80,752	26.70	19,442	110.92	4	21,469	100.44	4
Ophthalmic Dispensers	2,154,937	78,059	27.61	19,709	109.34	4	21,609	99.72	4
TOTAL	$25,349,644	594,842	$ 42.62	78,870	$321.41	8	98,660	$256.94	6

NOTES:

A. Under the Extended Health Benefits Program, the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan paid a major portion of the cost of eyeglasses, dentures and dental care for registrants who were 65 years of age and older, and for their spouses and dependants; also for widows and widowers who were aged 55 and older but under age 65 and receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension (introduced May 1, 1983), and for their dependants.

B. "Number of Registrations" and "Number of Patients" contain the actual count of discrete registrations and patients receiving services.

C. Included are Extended Health Benefits provided in and outside Alberta on a fee-for-service basis.

EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS
SELECTED INDICATORS
For the years ended March 31

TABLE 25

	1983	1984	1985	Percentage Change 1984/1983	Percentage Change 1985/1984
Number of Registered Persons*	209,629	218,981	223,753	4.46%	2.18%
Number of Practitioners	1,516	1,557	1,605	2.70%	3.08%
Dentists	1,020	1,048	1,080	2.75%	3.05%
Denturists	137	135	144	-1.46%	6.67%
Optometrists	177	179	182	1.13%	1.68%
Ophthalmic Dispensers	182	195	199	7.14%	2.05%
Total Payments**	$21,672,528	$23,561,159	$25,230,810	8.71%	7.09%
Dentists	13,334,872	14,391,667	15,458,100	7.93%	7.41%
Denturists	4,767,854	5,297,663	5,476,097	11.11%	3.37%
Optometrists	1,879,492	1,999,587	2,152,054	6.39%	7.62%
Ophthalmic Dispensers	1,690,310	1,872,242	2,144,559	10.76%	14.54%
Total Payment Per 1,000 Persons	$ 103,385	$ 107,595	$ 112,762	4.07%	4.80%
Total Services**	511,749	527,135	592,171	3.01%	12.34%
Dentists	329,816	339,830	391,226	3.04%	15.12%
Denturists	37,468	40,042	42,665	6.87%	6.55%
Optometrists	77,339	77,211	80,598	-0.17%	4.39%
Ophthalmic Dispensers	67,126	70,052	77,682	4.36%	10.89%
Total Number of Services Per 1,000 Persons	2,441	2,407	2,647	-1.39%	9.97%
Average Payments	$ 14,296	$ 15,132	$ 15,720	5.85%	3.89%
Dentists	13,073	13,733	14,313	5.05%	4.22%
Denturists	34,802	39,242	38,028	12.76%	-3.09%
Optometrists	10,619	11,171	11,824	5.20%	5.85%
Ophthalmic Dispensers	9,287	9,601	10,777	3.38%	12.25%
Discrete Patients***	89,189	93,109	98,660	4.40%	5.96%
Discrete Patients Per Practitioner	59	60	61	1.69%	1.67%

* The number of registered persons as at March 31, 1985 includes registrants who were 65 years of age and older, and their spouses and dependants; also widows and widowers who were aged 55 and older but under age 65 and receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension (introduced May 1, 1983), and their dependants.

** Only fee-for-service items paid to practitioners in Alberta are included.

*** Discrete Patients means the number of persons who have received at least one service during the period.

EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS — TABLE 26
PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN THE SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

Effective Date \ Discipline	Dentists	Denturists	Optometrists	Ophthalmic Dispensers
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
July 1, 1974	5.56	5.88	Nil	Nil
January 1, 1976	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
January 1, 1977	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
January 1, 1978	6.47	6.47	6.47	6.47
January 1, 1979	7.00	36.00	7.00	7.00
July 1, 1979	Nil	8.00	Nil	Nil
January 1, 1980	10.50	7.00	8.50	8.50
January 1, 1981	11.60	11.00	38.30*	36.50*
January 1, 1982	18.70	12.00	13.00	13.00
January 1, 1983	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00

* Effective January 1, 1981, the rate payable to optometrists and ophthalmic dispensers for new frames was increased from $7.30 to $30.00, while the rates payable for all other optometric benefits were increased by 11.00%. The overall increases in the Benefit Schedules for optometrists and ophthalmic dispensers were not the same due to differences in the utilization patterns of the two disciplines.

NOTE: The Extended Health Benefits Program was introduced on January 1, 1974.

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM — TABLE 27
Applications Reviewed
For the years ended March 31

	Applications			Approved			Refused			Amount Paid					
										Medical Services			Hospital Services		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
Required Services Not Available In Alberta	63	122	87	47	102	72	16	20	15	$131,018	$278,530	$291,459	$433,025	$ 801,680	$748,394
Emergency Services	19	16	17	13	15	12	6	1	5	27,453	45,859	17,019	147,198	244,896	36,671
TOTAL	82	138	104	60	117	84	22	21	20	$158,471	$324,389	$308,478	$580,223	$1,046,576	$785,065

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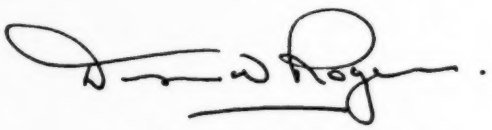
AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Minister of Hospitals and Medical Care

I have examined the balance sheet of the Health Care Insurance Fund as at March 31, 1985 and the statement of revenue and expenditure and changes in financial position for the year then ended. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Fund as at March 31, 1985 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.



DOUGLAS W. ROGERS, F.C.A.
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
December 4, 1985

HEALTH CARE INSURANCE FUND

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT MARCH 31, 1985

	1985	1984
ASSETS		
Current:		
Cash	$ 82,173,372	$ 81,588,723
Accounts receivable (Note 3)	19,769,790	23,059,714
	$101,943,162	$104,648,437
LIABILITIES		
Current:		
Bank indebtedness	$ 4,665,990	$ 4,021,930
Accounts payable	5,112,164	1,956,241
Unexpended funds due to the Province of Alberta	6,245,249	18,325,780
Premiums received in advance	2,188,759	2,440,486
Estimated liability for unprocessed and unpresented claims (Note 4)	83,731,000	77,904,000
	$101,943,162	$104,648,437

The accompanying notes are part of these financial statements.

HEALTH CARE INSURANCE FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1985

	1985	1984
Revenue:		
Premiums earned, net	$207,373,112	$201,448,941
Government of Canada contributions (Note 5)	114,880,568	87,701,000
Interest	10,135,319	2,739,370
	332,388,999	291,889,311
Expenditure:		
Basic health services:		
Medical	508,408,946	483,111,057
Chiropractic	20,587,463	20,306,195
Optometric	8,593,088	8,283,071
Podiatric	2,877,093	2,778,850
Oral surgery	11,268,422	9,000,207
Physiotherapy	12,032,082	9,643,205
	563,767,094	533,122,585
Optional health services, Alberta Blue Cross Plan	74,416,031	64,058,926
Extended health benefits	26,351,128	24,270,780
Out of province hospital costs	18,092,372	16,314,240
Location incentives	2,013,740	—
Continuing medical education fund contributions	1,560,385	—
	686,200,750	637,766,531
Excess of expenditure over revenue for the year	353,811,751	345,877,220
Deduct:		
Contributions by the Province of Alberta	353,811,751	345,877,220
	$ —	$ —

HEALTH CARE INSURANCE FUND

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1985

	1985	1984
Funds were provided from:		
Contributions by the Province of Alberta	$360,057,000	$372,091,531
Recoverable payments:		
Reimbursements from Workers' Compensation Board	12,234,054	52,255,529
Hospital costs, reciprocal agreements	33,979,060	25,306,579
Social Services and Community Health sessional payments	4,442,279	4,532,197
Decrease in premiums receivable and other accounts receivable	657,632	58,168
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	3,155,923	(3,682,071)
Increase (decrease) in premiums received in advance	(251,727)	353,831
Increase in estimated liability for unprocessed and unpresented claims	5,827,000	1,063,118
	420,101,221	451,978,882
Funds were applied to:		
Net expenditure of the Fund	353,811,751	345,877,220
Payments made on behalf of:		
Workers' Compensation Board	10,765,545	28,117,682
Reciprocal agreements	32,325,211	27,004,871
Social Services and Community Health	4,932,345	4,741,173
Reimbursement of unexpended funds to the Province of Alberta	18,325,780	—
	420,160,632	405,740,946
Increase (decrease) in funds	(59,411)	46,237,936
Funds at beginning of year	77,566,793	31,328,857
Funds at end of year	$ 77,507,382	$ 77,566,793
Represented by:		
Cash	$ 82,173,372	$ 81,588,723
Bank indebtedness	(4,665,990)	(4,021,930)
	$ 77,507,382	$ 77,566,793

HEALTH CARE INSURANCE FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 1985

Note 1 Authority

The Health Care Insurance Fund operates under the authority of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act, Chapter A-24, Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980.

Note 2 Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

Government of Canada Contributions

Government of Canada contributions are received pursuant to provisions of the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Established Programs Financing Act, 1977 (Canada) and are subject to adjustment. Due to the unavailability of information regarding adjustments to previous years' contributions, or to the current year's contributions, this source of revenue is reported on the basis of information received from the Government of Canada in the year. Adjustments will be reported in the year notification thereof is received.

Note 3 Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist of the following:

	1985	1984
Workers' Compensation Board payments	$ 993,377	$ 2,461,886
Premiums, less allowance for uncollectible accounts and adjustments	14,643,233	15,343,442
Hospital costs, reciprocal agreements	2,114,875	3,768,724
Social Services and Community Health sessional payments	1,914,640	1,424,574
Other	103,665	61,088
	$19,769,790	$23,059,714

Note 4 Estimated Liability for Unprocessed and Unpresented Claims

The estimated liability for unprocessed and unpresented claims consists of the following:

	1985	1984
Basic health services	$61,954,000	$60,528,000
Optional health services, Alberta Blue Cross Plan	10,470,000	8,400,000
Extended health benefits	4,454,000	3,456,000
Out of province hospital costs	5,671,000	5,520,000
Location incentives	1,182,000	—
	$83,731,000	$77,904,000

The above amounts pertaining to basic health services, extended health benefits and out of province hospital costs consist of actual payments during April, May and June for service dates prior to April 1 together with an estimated additional liability based on historical information about the relationships between service and payment dates. The amounts pertaining to optional health services, Alberta Blue Cross Plan have been determined from information provided by the Plan. The amount for location incentives is based on claim submissions for the 1983 program year as submissions for the 1984 program year are not due until December 31, 1985.

Note 5 Government of Canada Contributions

Government of Canada contributions consist of the following:

	1985	1984
Contributions pertaining to the current fiscal year	$ 99,467,312	$86,725,000
Contributions pertaining to previous fiscal years	15,413,256	976,000
	$114,880,568	$87,701,000

Note 6 Comparative Figures

The 1984 figures have been restated where necessary to conform to 1985 presentation.

Note 7 Approval of Financial Statements

These financial statements were approved by management.